

WHEREAS, Derek Scott Asdot was born in Medford, Massachusetts on July 21, 1972. Later moving to Middleburg, Florida and graduating from Forrest High School in 1992; and

WHEREAS, after graduation Derek attended Basic Training and U.S. Army Infantry School at FT Benning, GA and was assigned as an infantryman for Alpha Company 5th Battalion, Eighty Seventh (5/87th) Infantry; and

WHEREAS, while a member of the 5/87th Derek earned Expert Rifle Marksmanship and Jungle Expert. Those accomplishments earned him a spot as a member of the Protective Services Detail for the Commanding General of the United States Army South. Derek loved to challenge himself and earned the coveted Airborne Ranger tab, Army Commendation Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, and National Defense Service Medal to name a few. In 1996 Derek completed his tour and moved to Jacksonville where he served in the Army National Guard at Camp Blanding until 2000; and

WHEREAS, in 1995 Derek married his high school sweetheart Angie. They have two children; Jacob was born in 2000 and Ashley was born in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Derek joined the Green Cove Springs Police Department in 2002 working his way through the ranks as a Patrolman, Street Crimes Officer, Narcotics Detective with the Clay County Narcotics Task Force, Task Force Officer with the Jacksonville area DEA Task Force, Patrol Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Assistant Chief of Police. In October 2017, Derek was appointed Chief of Police; and

WHEREAS, after a complicated hard-fought battle with COVID-19, on September 28, 2021, Derek gained his wings; and

WHEREAS, Derek strived for greatness and would persevere through any challenge in order to achieve that greatness. Derek was proud to be part of the Green Cove Springs community; and

WHEREAS, Derek will forever be remembered as a great leader, an outstanding law enforcement officer, and an inspiration to all who knew him.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, HEREBY ISSUE THIS PROCLAMATION IN HONOR AND REMBERANCE OF:

"DEREK SCOTT ASDOT"

DONE AND PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 20TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2022 AND PRESENTED ON THIS 28TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2022.



CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA
Daniel M. Johnson, Mayor
ATTEST:
Erin West, City Clerk