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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to offer my recommendation for Shakespeare, a therapy dog candidate for the Independence Fire Department. Over the past month, I have had the pleasure of observing Shakespeare and his handler, John Butler, in various settings, and I am thoroughly impressed with Shakespeare's exceptional suitability for this vital role.

Shakespeare is a remarkable dog with a naturally calm and friendly disposition. His gentle presence and unwavering patience make him a perfect fit for the high-stress environment encountered by the fire department personnel. Shakespeare has a unique ability to provide comfort and reassurance to those around him, which is crucial for first responders who often face challenging and traumatic situations.

John Butler has been dedicated to ensuring Shakespeare's continued development and effectiveness as a therapy dog. Their strong bond and mutual understanding are evident in their interactions, and together, they form a highly effective team ready to offer invaluable support to the Independence Fire Department.

I am confident that Shakespeare's presence will greatly enhance the well-being and morale of the fire department staff and the community they serve. His unique ability to offer emotional support and comfort in times of crisis makes him an outstanding candidate for this important role.

Please feel free to contact me if you need any further information or if I can assist in any way to support Shakespeare's candidacy.

Sincerely,



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