

Presented By:  
City Manager  
Action Taken:  
Yes \_\_\_  
No \_\_\_  
Abstain \_\_\_

**CITY OF NOME, ALASKA**

**RESOLUTION NO. R-23-10-07**

**A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE POLICE CHIEF MIKE HEINTZELMAN'S SERVICE  
TO THE CITY OF NOME AND ITS RESIDENTS.**

**WHEREAS**, Mike Heintzelman began working at the Nome Police Department on November 6, 2018, during a tumultuous time for the department; and

**WHEREAS**, Mike Heintzelman applied himself to his job and was soon promoted to Deputy Chief of the Nome Police Department on September 19, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Mike Heintzelman found himself Acting Police Chief on November 11, 2019 due to the unexpected resignation of his predecessor, and

**WHEREAS**, Mike Heintzelman threw himself into the job, gradually earning himself the respect of his department; and,

**WHEREAS**, after a national search and long interview process, Mike Heintzelman was promoted to serve as the Police Chief of Nome starting May 26, 2020, and

**WHEREAS**, now Chief Heintzelman found himself leading a department still in disarray and not trusted by the community of Nome; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Heintzelman worked to establish trust with the community and Tribes of Nome, and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Heintzelman and his staff cleared up a backlog of sexual assault cases a decade old, and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Heintzelman led the effort to professionalize the NPD and properly equip his officers, and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Heintzelman has led the effort to have the NPD become an "accredited" law enforcement agency, and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Heintzelman has dedicated himself to re-establish trust in the NPD that was lost before he became Police of Chief of the City of Nome,

**WHEREAS**, Chief Heintzelman's efforts are greatly appreciated by the Mayor, the Nome Common Council, The Nome Advisory Public Safety Commission, City Staff, and the people of Nome;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, The Mayor and Common Council of Nome on behalf of its residents recognize and thank Mike Heintzelman for his dedicated service to the community and wish him well in his future endeavors.

**APPROVED** and **SIGNED** this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023

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**JOHN K. HANDELAND, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**JEREMY JACOBSON, Deputy City Clerk**