



A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING POLICE K-9, YONA, AND HONORING HER FOR HER DEDICATION AND SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE PINEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, Yona, a seven-year old Belgian Malinois, was acquired when she was about 1½ years old after Police K-9 Raffa was retired; and

WHEREAS, Yona, became a part of the Pineville Police Department's K-9 Unit where she has worked for the past 5 ½ years; and

WHEREAS, Yona has successfully aided in apprehending several fleeing suspects, as well as tracking hundreds of pounds of drugs, netting over \$3million dollars in drug money; and

WHEREAS, Yona was responsible for sniffing out over \$280,000 in drug money in one incident alone, causing a significant disruption in the drug trafficking of one organization; and

WHEREAS, Yona's work goes well beyond the numbers mentioned above in making the streets of Pineville a safer place in which to live; and

WHEREAS, in her career with the Pineville Police, she has also attended several public events as well as shown off her abilities and skills to school children, churches and scout troops while touring the police department; and

WHEREAS, Yona has demonstrated a high degree of dedication to her handler, Officer Todd Bradshaw, but due to her age and the wear and tear on her body because of the difficult nature of the work she performs, Yona will be retired from the Pineville Police Department.

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by Mayor Jack Edwards, that the citizens of Pineville express their warm appreciation and gratitude to **Yona** for her 5 ½ years of outstanding service and accomplishments as a Police K-9 for the Town of Pineville and its citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Pineville to be affixed this 10th day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty.

Mayor Jack Edwards