

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING TWENTY-THREE YEARS OF
DEDICATED SERVICE BY POLICE CHIEF, ROB MERCHANT,
TO THE TOWN OF PINEVILLE**

WHEREAS, the efficiency and effectiveness of a local government operation depends on the capability and reliability of skilled men and women employed in many essential areas and especially in public safety; and

WHEREAS, the professionalism and responsiveness of public safety officers and the execution of their responsibilities in protecting the health, safety and welfare of its citizens is crucial to the success of the organization; and

WHEREAS, the professionalism of these officers is a reflection of its leader -- the one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way to others; and

WHEREAS, Rob Merchant is deserving of recognition for his leadership role as Police Chief of the Town of Pineville for the last 23 years; and

WHEREAS, Rob Merchant's career with the Pineville Police Department began in August of 1998, when he took the oath as Captain/Assistant Police Chief until his promotion to Chief several years later; and

WHEREAS, Rob was promoted to Police Chief in 2003, responsible for hiring, developing and managing 40 sworn police officers, as well as 10 civilian staff; and

WHEREAS, he further implemented Community Oriented Policing as well as initiated a team-based policing approach to pull his team together to form a talented, cohesive group of dedicated police officers; and

WHEREAS, for nearly 25 years, Rob Merchant dedicated himself to the highest standards of professionalism and excellence as a member of the Pineville Police Department; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PINEVILLE, DO
PROCLAIM:**

Tuesday, January 12, 2021, as the first official day of your retirement and in appreciation of your loyal and dedicated service to the People of the Town of Pineville, we, the members the Pineville Town Council, present this to you in recognition of your 23 years of sacrifice and service to this community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Great Seal of the Pineville to be affixed this 12th day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-one.

Mayor Jack Edwards

Mayor Pro Tem Melissa Davis

Council Member Joe Maxim

Council Member Les Gladden

Council Member Amelia Stinson-Wesley

