

# Proclamation

## *Recognizing Bill Steele on the Occasion of His Retirement*

WHEREAS, Bill Steele began his employment with the City of Tualatin as the Chief of Police on July 6, 2016, coming to Tualatin from the Washington County Sheriff's Office where he served since 1996, rising to the rank of Chief Deputy; and

WHEREAS, Bill's 26-year career in law enforcement has been characterized by a commitment to faithful service, no matter how difficult or complex; Bill has witnessed dramatic changes not only in the communities he has served, but also in the role and scope of law enforcement's responsibilities; through it all he has remained steady and steadfast in his commitment to a safe community and excellence in service; and

WHEREAS, Bill has cultivated and prioritized strong relationships, from supporting the Tualatin Community Police Foundation, to leading multiple Community Police Academies, and engaging with the community through efforts such as Shop-With-A-Cop, Turkeys-Not-Tickets, Coffee-With-A-Cop, and National Night Out; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career Bill has fostered a professional Police Department as demonstrated by meeting national and state accreditation standards; in 2020 the Tualatin Police Department was recognized as a Top Workplace in Oregon, furthering demonstrating the value Bill has placed on creating and maintaining a high-performing culture; and

WHEREAS, Bill's leadership has helped navigate the Police Department through the most challenging of times; he has remained available and responsive; he has focused on doing his best, doing the right thing, and treating others with kindness and respect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUALATIN, Oregon that Bill Steele is thanked, commended, and applauded for his service and significant contributions to the City of Tualatin.

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2022.

CITY OF TUALATIN, OREGON

BY \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor

ATTEST:

BY \_\_\_\_\_

City Recorder