

**PROCLAMATION HONORING OFFICER WILLIAM "RANDY" SMITH ON HIS
RETIREMENT FROM THE WINNEBAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, Officer William "Randy" Smith has dedicated 23 years of exemplary service to the Winnebago Police Department, contributing to the safety and well-being of our community with unwavering commitment and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, Officer Smith was born in Kentucky and attended school in Kentucky and North Carolina before starting his career in manufacturing until 2001; and

WHEREAS, Officer Smith began his law enforcement career with the Rockford Auxiliary Police in 1986, subsequently working part-time for the Rockford Park District from 1991 to 2000 and the Metro Centre police from 1991 to the present, where he served as Chief of Police until last month; and

WHEREAS, Officer Smith joined the Winnebago Police Department in 2001 as a part-time officer, transitioning to full-time in 2002, and has become known as the “social butterfly” of the agency, always having his finger on the pulse of the community; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, Officer Smith demonstrated extraordinary heroism by delivering a baby while on duty, a testament to his dedication and readiness to serve in any capacity needed; and

WHEREAS, Officer Smith has spent many years as the department’s evidence custodian and youth officer, playing a crucial role in maintaining the integrity of the department’s evidence procedures and positively impacting the lives of young people in our community; and

WHEREAS, Officer Smith’s career has been marked by his dedication, kindness, and community spirit, leaving an indelible mark on the Winnebago Police Department and the Village of Winnebago;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Franklin J. Eubank Jr, President of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Winnebago, Illinois, do hereby proclaim our deepest gratitude and congratulations to Officer William "Randy" Smith on his retirement. We extend our heartfelt appreciation for his 23 years of dedicated service to the Village and its residents and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

Dated this 8th day of July, 2024

Franklin J. Eubank Jr., President of the Board of
Trustees of the Village of Winnebago