

CITY OF COLLEGE PLACE PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION OF APPRECIATION TO WILLIAM P. KELLY FOR HIS 40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF COLLEGE PLACE

WHEREAS, William P. (Bill) Kelly began his career with the City of College Place Police Department in 1976, just one month after discharge from serving four years in the United States Air Force. His first year as an officer was made possible through a CETA (Comprehensive Employment and Training Act) grant the City had received for one year. After that year ended, the City decided to fund the position and keep him on. His first Chief was Wayne Cain; however, Bill was quite familiar with the department already. His father was the first leader of the Police Department given the title Police Chief. Before him, they had all been Town Marshalls. In addition to his father being Chief during Bill's youth; his mother worked for the City as a dispatcher, and after Bill became an officer, his sister was hired as a dispatcher for the City of College Place and later for the Milton-Freewater Department; in addition, his brother served as a reserve officer. It was no surprise to hear him say he never had a desire to be anything other than a College Place Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, Bill has undergone many hours of training, acquiring professional certifications in a multitude of law enforcement subjects. He has shared his knowledge with others in the department serving as a training officer at various times. He has been involved with several teams throughout his career, and says the highlight of his years serving the department has been being a member of the SWAT Team. In the past he has been honored by the Walla Walla County Traffic Safety DUI Task Force as the DUI Enforcement Officer of the Year, and was recently honored by the VFW as the Officer of the Year for 2016; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving the City of College Place as a Police Officer, Bill is also an active member of the College Place Volunteer Fire Department. Several years ago he was performing his police duties directing traffic at a fire on Highland Park Drive, when in conversation with the Fire Chief, the Chief noted that he could really use some additional volunteers. Bill's time in the Air Force lent itself perfectly to this as he worked crash rescue for the USAF which involved fire suppression and various other aspects related to firefighting. The City is very fortunate to have someone so dedicated to service in this community; and

NOW THEREFORE, this Council and Mayor of the City of College Place does hereby confer upon

William P. Kelly

This high commendation for the manner in which he has performed his duties with the City of College Place Police Department with special thanks for his 40 years of professionalism, dedication and service to the community.

Dated this 27th day of June, 2017

Approved



Mayor, Harvey R. Crowder

Attest



City Clerk, Lisa R. Neissl