

Resolution
Commending
Police Chief Tom DaRé

WHEREAS, Born, raised, and educated in Garden Grove, Police Chief Tom DaRé joined the City of Garden Grove in 1990 as a police cadet, becoming a reserve police officer a year later, and hired as a police recruit in 1992. He later became a patrol officer and then master officer working in the Special Investigations and Gang Suppression units; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, Tom was promoted to sergeant, and in 2015 became the East/West Patrol Division lieutenant in charge of the SRT (Special Resources Team) homeless task force and the Grove District-Anaheim Resort. In 2017, he ascended to captain and assigned to managing the largest division of the police department that includes patrol, gangs, traffic unit, narcotics, and SWAT; and

WHEREAS, On April 20, 2019, Tom became Garden Grove's 13th Chief of Police. His many accomplishments as chief included: advocating for an increase in the number of sworn police officers; creating the Community Impact Unit; expanding the SRT and commercial enforcement within the Neighborhood Traffic Unit; and serving as the City's Emergency Operations Center director during the COVID-19 crisis; and

WHEREAS, Chief DaRé has been deservedly honored with numerous awards and commendations from the Garden Grove Police Department, including the Medal of Courage, Medal of Merit, and Class A Commendations; and

WHEREAS, On December 31, 2022, Police Chief Tom DaRé will retire from the City of Garden Grove, following 32 years of illustrious service to the Garden Grove Police Department, community, and multiple generations of Garden Grove police personnel; and

WHEREAS, On Tuesday, December 13, 2022, the City of Garden Grove proudly honors its hometown chief with a Community Spotlight in recognition of his remarkable City career, his many distinguished accomplishments, and his unmatched contributions towards the continued growth and success of the Garden Grove Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Garden Grove does hereby commend Police Chief Tom DaRé for his venerable service and profound commitment to his community and the Garden Grove Police Department.

December 13, 2022