



PROCLAMATION
Recognizing Sergeant James Paul

WHEREAS, Sergeant James Paul began his career in uniform in 1987 at age 18 when he joined the United States Army where he served for ten years that included two combat tours: Desert Storm and Operation Joint Endeavor. He worked as both a Reconnaissance Specialist (calvary Scout) and then as an Intelligence Analyst; and

WHEREAS, upon leaving the U.S. Army, Sergeant Paul worked as a corrections officer in Florence, Arizona, ASPC-Florence South Unit, for 18 months; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Paul then attended the Arizona Law Enforcement Academy in 1999 and was employed by the Gila River Indian Community Police Department as a certified police officer. There he was cross certified through the Bureau of Indian Affairs as a special agent for Indian Country and aided in establishing the first Police Bike Team on tribal lands; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Paul then made a lateral transfer as a police officer to the Town of Marana where he was quickly put into an informal supervisory role as a Shift Officer in Charge and Field Training Officer. Since then, he has held multiple positions in the department, including Police Officer, Training Coordinator, Detective Patrol Sergeant, Criminal Investigations Supervisor, and Traffic Unit Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Paul was instrumental in bringing the Taser to the department in 2004, and he also started the first Honor Guard Team in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Paul formalized the Department's Sergeants Field Training Program and established procedures for the Department's Detention Facility; and

WHEREAS, through his time at the Department, Sergeant Paul has been given the opportunity to train new officers, lateral officer, and new sergeants spanning twenty years. From the Chief of Police to the most recently promoted sergeant, he has been vital in ensuring all were given sound direction and detailed instruction to perform their duties successfully; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Paul has received many awards over the years, including the Gila River Police Commendation Medal, MPD Career Service Award, MPD Distinguished Service Award, and the MPD Chief's Citation, and he is a three-time recipient of MPD Unit Citations for Honor Guard, Firearms Instructors, and CIU; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Paul has served his country and community for the last 37 years as a soldier, corrections officer, and police officer. He will retire on August 23, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ed Honea, Mayor of the Town of Marana, do hereby recognize and commend Sergeant James Paul for his many years of service and for the profound impact he has had on the Town, and I invite the citizens of Marana to join me in congratulating him on his retirement.

Dated this 21st day of August, 2024.

ATTEST

David L. Udall, Town Clerk



Ed Honea, Mayor