

CITY OF IRVINE

Commendation

**RECOGNITION OF SERVICE
DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF MIKE HAMEL
OCTOBER 27, 2015**

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Mike Hamel has been with the Irvine Police Department for 20 years and will be the first Irvine Police Chief to rise through the ranks of the Department from Police Officer to Police Chief. Prior to joining the Irvine Police Department, Deputy Chief Hamel began his law enforcement career with the Los Angeles Police Department in 1993; and

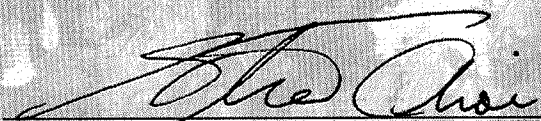
WHEREAS, in 1999, Deputy Chief Hamel was promoted to Police Sergeant and then again promoted in 2004 to Police Lieutenant responsible for overseeing the Investigations Bureau. In 2007, Deputy Chief Hamel was promoted to Area Commander responsible for the Portola Area and was the liaison to schools, businesses, community organizations and residents; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, Deputy Chief Hamel was promoted to his current position as Deputy Police Chief, responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Irvine Police Department and will continue to serve in this invaluable role until he assumes the office of Chief of Police on November 5, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Hamel has worked to promote health and wellness for the employees of the Irvine Police Department. Under his leadership, Deputy Chief Hamel has implemented a comprehensive, evidenced based fitness program designed to enhance overall wellness, while reducing the risks of on the job injuries; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Hamel has been recognized for his work in victim advocacy programs and authored a county-wide model for comprehensive victim services that was adopted by the Orange County Chiefs' of Police and Sheriff's Association. Deputy Chief Hamel also has over 10 years of formal teaching and training experience in the areas of leadership, organizational management and customer service.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Irvine **DOES HEREBY RECOGNIZE DEPUTY CHIEF MIKE HAMEL FOR HIS 20 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE IRVINE COMMUNITY, CONFIRMS HIS APPOINTMENT TO POLICE CHIEF**, and joins the men and women of the Irvine Police Department in wishing him a successful future.


STEVEN S. CHOI, Ph.D.
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE
OCTOBER 27, 2015

