CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATION

ITEM: Proclamation
Recognition of Police Sergeant Shawn Miller

DATE: October 3, 2016

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

BACKGROUND:

Police Officer Shawn Miller was killed in the line of duty on August 3, 2016, and will be promoted posthumously to Sergeant at the October 3, 2016 City Council meeting.

The Mayor and City Council of West Des Moines wish to express their appreciation to Sergeant Shawn Miller for his exemplary leadership as a public servant and efforts to improve the safety and quality of life for those living and working in West Des Moines and the professionalism of the West Des Moines Police Department.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES (if any): None

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Proclamation recognizing Police Sergeant Shawn Miller

Lead Staff Member: Ryan T. Jacobson, City Clerk

STAFF REVIEWS

Department Director	Ryan T. Jacobson, City Clerk
Appropriations/Finance	
Legal	
Agenda Acceptance	

PUBLICATION(S) (if applicable)

Published In	
Dates(s) Published	

SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW (if applicable)

Committee			
Date Reviewed			
Recommendation	Yes	No	Split

Proclamation of Recognition

Sergeant Shawn G. Miller

Whereas, Shawn Miller was first hired as a West Des Moines Reserve Police Officer in May of 1990 and a full-time sworn Police Officer in August of 1995 serving tirelessly and selflessly as a committed representative for the police department to the community of West Des Moines, and;

Whereas, Sergeant Miller always played a significant role in training and leadership at the West Des Moines Police Department and partner agencies, which has provided numerous benefits to the entire West Des Moines community, and;

Whereas, Sergeant Miller was also instrumental as a union steward, in which he provided leadership and representation of the union members to the City of West Des Moines, and;

Whereas, Sergeant Miller, in twenty-six years of service to the City repeatedly demonstrated his dedication and talents in earning a Department Commendation Medal, a Chief's Letter of Appreciation, the Outstanding Service Award from the Iowa Department of Public Safety, and twenty "On-the-Spot" awards from his supervisors for duty performance over and above, and;

Whereas, Sergeant Miller served more than ten years as a Field Training Officer and therein was responsible for the initial training of the department's new police officers which has created his legacy as many of the officers serving today were trained and influenced by his guidance and example, and;

Whereas, Sergeant Miller served most of his career as a firearms instructor and Taser instructor impacting every member of the department with his instruction, policy guidance to the command staff, and review of incidents to improve the safety of our officers as well as the people we serve, and;

Whereas, the Mayor and City Council of West Des Moines wish to express their appreciation to Sergeant Miller for his exemplary leadership as a public servant and efforts to improve the safety and quality of life for those living and working in West Des Moines and the professionalism of the West Des Moines Police Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that on this 3rd day of October, 2016, the City Council, staff and citizens of the City of West Des Moines hereby recognize and honor Sergeant Shawn Glenn Miller for his accomplishments and dedication to public service.

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Steven K. Gaer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Ryan T. Jacobson, City Clerk