

CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION

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SGT. GARRETT FERNANDER

MARCH 21, 2023

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Mayor Sloan Spalding

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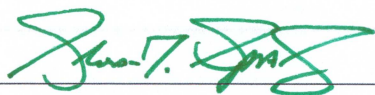
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