Proclamation

Moab City Police Appreciation and Recognition

Whereas, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Moab Police Department; and

Whereas, the Moab Police Department plays an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of all members of the community; and

Whereas, it is important that all residents know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of our law enforcement agency, and that members of the Moab Police Department are steadfastly committed to safeguarding life and property and protecting our community against violence and disorder, shielding the innocent against deception, and the weak against oppression; and

Whereas, the men and women of the Moab Police Department unceasingly provide these vital public services; and

Whereas, in the past year Moab Police Department Sgt. Gerri Neumeier, officers Amanda Edwards and Travis Clark, and former officers Larry Velasquez and Steve Risenhoover were honored by the NAACP for their actions in 2020 for peacefully resolving a difficult domestic violence situation involving a person armed with a handgun; and

Whereas, Officer Amanda Edwards, while still a first-year member of the department, was also named the 2020 Small Agency Officer of the Year by the Utah Police Chief’s Association;

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the City of Moab is proud to recognize the Moab City Police Department officers and officials, for their outstanding service, courageous actions, and dedicated efforts every day to keep our community safe and secure;

And asks all Moab residents to join in saluting our law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion, have dedicated themselves to preserving the rights, security, and quality of life for all of us.

Signed this 8th Day of June, 2021

Mayor Emily S. Niehaus