

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_-2022**

**A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR VINCENT B. NISKI**

WHEREAS, the City has benefitted greatly from the dedicated service of Vincent Niski, Chief of Police, Colorado Springs Police Department, for the past 33 years; and

WHEREAS, Chief Vince Niski began his career with the Colorado Springs Police Department as a Police Officer on February 13, 1989. He was promoted to Police Sergeant on January 1, 1997; Police Lieutenant on August 10, 2007; Police Commander on April 10, 2011; Police Deputy Chief on March 25, 2012; and Police Chief on February 27, 2019. He served the citizens of the City of Colorado Springs and the men and women of the Police Department with distinction, honor, and a strong devotion to duty for over 33 years; and

WHEREAS, Chief Niski served in the Office of the Chief, the Patrol Operations Bureau, the Operations Support Bureau, the Central Division in the Traffic Unit, the Sand Creek Division in Patrol, the Gold Hill Division in Patrol, the Stetson Hills Division in Patrol, the Metro Vice, Narcotics and Intelligence Division, the Specialized Enforcement Division in the Patrol Support Section, and the Training Academy. Chief Niski has earned one Colorado Springs Fire Department Good Neighbor Award, four Certificates of Appreciation, one CREATE Award, three Achievement Awards, ten Commander's Commendations, two Officer of the Month Awards, six Written Commendations, one American Eagle Award, two Leadership Awards, one Police Officer of the Year Award, and two Department Commendations. Additionally, he has received numerous letters of appreciation for his hard work ethic, diligent work effort, and devotion to duty from organizations, citizens, and co-workers whom he has interacted with; and

WHEREAS, Chief Niski had numerous accomplishments during his career. He was awarded Department Commendations in 2004 for the contributions he made to the success of a DEA Special Operations Division Priority investigation "Operation Choque", and in 2012 for his tactical management during the Waldo Canyon Fire. He pursued rigorous operational standards resulting in continuous CALEA reaccreditation. He was a staunch supporter of community engagement efforts. He led passionately, with a decisive demeanor, provided a reassuring command presence, and was skillful at resource allocation. Chief Niski responded to citizen concerns, provided fiscally responsible management, and never took for granted what people did to make the Department function as a smooth unit. He is commended for the exceptional

knowledge, expertise, skills, customer service, and compassion he displayed during his service to the community of Colorado Springs; and

WHEREAS, Chief Vince Niski was a long tenured officer with a vast amount of experience. Throughout his career, Chief Niski has seen the department through some of the biggest changes law enforcement has faced, including sweeping public safety legislative changes, nationwide protests, and local protests unlike ever seen in Colorado Springs. All this in the midst of a pandemic. Chief Niski utilized his vast experience, leadership, and dedication to the community to build a police department that is relentlessly committed to professionalism and service. Chief Niski has honorably led the Department through incredibly challenging times for policing nationwide. He served on numerous boards and committees within the Department and in the community. He is a graduate of the Center for Creative Leadership and the Police Executive Research Forum's Senior Management Institute for Police. He worked well in cooperation with others for the benefit of the organization and had the ability to effectively apply new concepts and techniques as he has demonstrated; and

WHEREAS, Chief Vince Niski deserves the appreciation of the Colorado Springs Police Department and the community for the dedication, professionalism, exceptional leadership, and accomplishments during 33 years of service to the City of Colorado Springs and the Colorado Springs Police Department, as contained in this Police Department Resolution.

WHEREAS, we appreciate his dedication, commitment, leadership, mentorship, and stewardship of taxpayer dollars throughout his years of service to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes him happiness and success in all his future ventures.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:**

Section 1. That City Council recognizes Chief Vince Niski for his 33 years of service, leadership, and contributions to the City of Colorado Springs.

DATED at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 22nd day of March, 2022

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Council President

ATTEST:

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City Clerk