

Proclamation

Honoring



Officer Michael Osborn and K-9 Wyatt

WHEREAS, K-9 Wyatt is a Slovakian German Shepard who entered into service with the Orange Police Department in January of 2018 and was assigned to Officer Michael Osborn. Wyatt has served as a multi-purpose dog trained for patrol service, tracking, and narcotics detection; and

WHEREAS, over the past seven and a half years, Wyatt has been instrumental in the assistance and apprehension of numerous criminal suspects, sniffing out large quantities of illegal drugs leading to the seizure of large amounts of cash related to the sales of drugs; and

WHEREAS, Wyatt participated in over 500 deployments, including searches at crime scenes, high-risk vehicle stops, alarm activations, and drug searches which have resulted in the seizure of over 100 pounds of narcotics and \$3,000,000 in cash; and

WHEREAS, Wyatt represented the City of Orange as a community liaison officer, participating in over 300 public demonstrations for schools, churches, and other civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, Wyatt provided an extra measure of safety for the Orange Police Officers by entering crime locations and searching them quickly, efficiently and safely; and

WHEREAS, this valued and productive K-9 officer has reached an age which has precluded him from continuing service with the Orange Police Department. Wyatt is retiring to live with the family of his handler and friend, Officer Michael Osborn.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dan Slater, Mayor of the City of Orange, on behalf of the City and entire City Council, do hereby express my sincere appreciation to Wyatt, a true hero, for his seven and a half years of loyal and dedicated service to the City of Orange and wish him a richly deserved retirement of belly rubs and back scratches!

DATED this 26th day of August 2025.

Daniel R. Slater, Mayor