

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-224

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CATHY AND RALPH GIRAUD FAMILY AND JOSEPH NICHOLAS FROM JOE NICK K9 TRAINING ACADEMY FOR THEIR GRACIOUS DONATION OF A DOG WHICH WILL SERVE AS AN ARSON DETECTION ASSISTANT FOR THE VINELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, The Vineland Fire Department’s award-winning investigation bureau was in need of an arson dog to assist in detection of accelerants to help determine the cause and origin of fires and the possibility of arson; and

WHEREAS, the bureau often called on other municipalities or the State Fire Marshal for K9 arson dog assistance; and

WHEREAS, while training the EMS Division’s therapy dog, Joseph Nicholas of Joe Nick K9 Training Academy gained word that the Department was in need of such a dog;

WHEREAS, Joe Nick received a donated dog from Cathy and Ralph Giraud from Vineland; and

WHEREAS, Joe Nick and the Giraud family was gracious in donating a female Yellow Labrador Retriever named “Radiant” to the Vineland Fire Department for such an assignment; and

WHEREAS, since adoption, K9 Radiant and handler Phillip McMahon completed a 16 week training academy and were certified in scent and tracking specialization in Arson/Accelerant Detection; and

WHEREAS, Radiant is assigned to Phillip McMahon of the Vineland Fire Department’s Investigation Bureau.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor, City Council and the Vineland Fire Department recognize and sincerely thank the gracious donation of K9 Radiant in that her presence will better the efforts and assist the Investigation Bureau in arson detection and providing safety for the citizens of Vineland. Your donation will truly make a positive difference to the community in which the Department and Radiant serves.

Adopted: May 28, 2024

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Council President eaa

ATTEST:

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Municipal Clerk kp