

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF UNIVERSITY PARK IN RECOGNITION OF
POLICE CHIEF HARVEY BAKER**

WHEREAS, Harvey Baker served with distinction as the Police Chief in University Park, Maryland, from January 1, 2019 until June 29, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Chief Baker has proactively supported community policing initiatives that foster trust and collaboration between the police department and town residents; initiated programs such as Dignity Bags for the Homeless and Special Needs Registry; initiated Chief Blogs, and the annual report to keep the community informed and engaged; and enhanced the department's communication efforts by actively utilizing social media platforms to connect with the community and provide updates; and

WHEREAS, Chief Baker initiated numerous annual community events such as National Night Out, Movie Nights, Walking Wednesday, Come Out and Play, and the Drug Take Back Program, enhancing community engagement and safety; and

WHEREAS, Chief Baker enhanced accountability of the police department through a myriad of 21st Century police reform measures including updates to policies, implementing the body-worn camera system, and instituting the GPS vehicle program and helped modernize the police department with the town's first hybrid police vehicle, Nixle alerts, and implemented the Automatic Speed Enforcement Program; and

WHEREAS, Chief Baker implemented the Safe Route to School program, including the hiring of crossing guards, ensuring the safety of children traveling to and from school; established a strong partnership with University Park Elementary School, collaborating on safety programs and community-building activities, including the "Chief for a Day" program to recognize sixth graders; and

WHEREAS, Chief Baker implemented department performance expectations including community walks per shift, one hour of traffic enforcement per shift, ward checks, two police trainings a month, and consistent security checks at University Park Elementary School and local churches; and

WHEREAS, Chief Baker has served the law enforcement community for 38 years, having retired from the Maryland-National Capital Park Police after 27 years of service; and

WHEREAS, his dedication, leadership, and commitment to public service have left a lasting positive impact on University Park and its residents;

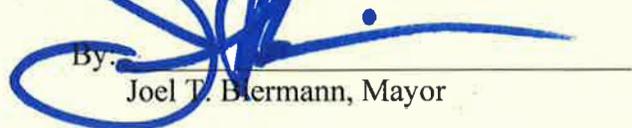
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Town of University Park do hereby appreciate and salute the service of Harvey Baker as University Park Police Chief and wish him great success and happiness in his future endeavors.

APPROVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of University Park at a regular meeting on the 17th day of June 2024.

ATTEST:


T'Alicandra Hegeman, Town Clerk

MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL
TOWN OF UNIVERSITY PARK

By: 
Joel T. Biermann, Mayor