



PROCLAMATION

THIS IS A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OFFICER CHRIS RASMUSSEN FOR DISPLAYING VALOR AND EXTREMELY PROFESSIONAL ACTIONS UNDER SIGNIFICANT AND POTENTIALLY DEADLY CIRCUMSTANCES

WHEREAS, Chris Rasmussen while on duty on June 24, 2011, and coaching a recruit police officer, responded to a report of a family disturbance, a call that was initially assigned to another officer; and

WHEREAS, Chris Rasmussen true to his work ethic, spoke up on the radio, said he was closer to the location and that he would take the call, and

WHEREAS, Chris Rasmussen directed the recruit officer to prepare to employ a less lethal force option; and

WHEREAS, Chris Rasmussen upon arrival at the disturbance with the recruit police officer, was almost immediately confronted by a male person armed with a large knife, who aggressively charged at and threatened officers by both words and actions; and

WHEREAS, Chris Rasmussen repeatedly ordered the male person to stop and drop the knife as the male quickly advanced an approximate 75 foot distance; and

WHEREAS, Chris Rasmussen fired one shot from his service weapon when the male suspect got to within approximately 20 feet of his and the recruit officer's position, stopping the suspect and the accompanying threat of death or serious physical injury to both officers and potentially others; and

WHEREAS, Chris Rasmussen calmly reported to dispatch and other officers that medical personnel was needed, then he and the recruit officer rendered first aid to the male suspect; and

WHEREAS, Chris Rasmussen exercised excellent judgment, decisive, certain and immediate actions, stopping what would have been a continued threat of death or serious physical injury to himself, the recruit officer, members of the community, the suspect's family and other officers;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS PROCLAIMED by Mayor Bob Andrews of the City of Newberg, Oregon, that the citizens of Newberg express their warmest appreciation and gratitude to ***Officer Chris Rasmussen*** for his valiant actions and performance of duties in an extremely professional manner.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Newberg to be affixed on this 3rd day of October, 2011.

Bob Andrews, Mayor