

*West Deptford Township*

*Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the West Deptford Police Department had re-established the K-9 Unit within the Police Department in 2007 to help maintain the safety of the citizens of West Deptford Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the K-9 Unit is a vital part of the Police Department that is not only used for the service of Senior Trip Luggage searches, Federal Prison Cell searches, County Jail Cell searches, Money Discrimination searches, as well as assisting all agencies in Gloucester County with K-9 related calls for service but also for community events such as K-9 demonstrations for National Night Out, Fun Day, and Dare Graduation; and

**WHEREAS**, K-9 Judge, Badge #K-4 started with the West Deptford K-9 Unit in January 2007 and completed a 16 week Police Patrol Dog Academy where he was trained in Tracking, Building Searches, Criminal Apprehension, Handler Protection, Crowd Control, Obedience, Article Searches, Field Searches, Socialization and Agility; and

**WHEREAS**, In September of 2007 to December 2007 Judge completed a 12 week Police Dog Narcotics Academy where he was trained in the detection of Marijuana, Cocaine, Crack Cocaine, Heroin, Methamphetamine, Ecstasy, PCP, as well as training to detect narcotic odors on U.S. Currency; and

**WHEREAS**, After graduating from both academies, Judge continued his training by participating, at a minimum of 24 times annually, at In-Service training to maintain proficiency in basic skills and to ensure continued effective performance; and

**WHEREAS**, During his career, Judge was deployed a total of 288 times: 93 times for narcotics searches, which resulted in the positive indication of the presence of an illegal narcotic odor 67 times; of those 67 positive alerts, Judge was directly responsible for the arrests of 94 suspects for narcotic related offenses; deployed 73 times for tracks of wanted or missing persons which resulted in 8 arrests as a direct result of Judges tracks; and

**WHEREAS**, Of the 58 times Judge was deployed for building searches for burglaries and other related criminal offenses, Judge was directly responsible for the arrests of 13 suspects; deployed for the sole purpose of Crowd Control on 8 separate occasions and as a result of his presence, all incidents were handled without injuries to officers or citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge was deployed for numerous violent criminal offenses including: False Imprisonment, Bank Robberies, Burglaries in Progress, Wanted Fugitives from Justice, Rape and Stolen Vehicles, which resulted in the surrender of 33 suspects during these incidents and was involved in 4 Physical Apprehensions of violent criminal offenders during his career; and

**WHEREAS**, In total Judge was directly responsible for the arrests of 152 suspects for criminal offenses, and directly responsible for the seizure of 3 motor vehicles, 3 handguns, 1 that was stolen from a residential burglary in Delaware and \$47,904.00 in U. S. Currency all used in narcotics related offenses; and

**WHEREAS**, Upon his retirement, due to medical reasons, the West Deptford Township Committee desires to acknowledge the contribution and devotion Judge has given to the West Deptford Police Department K-9 Unit for the past 6 ½ years.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, do hereby recognize Judge for his years of distinguished service to the citizens of West Deptford Township and extending their best wishes for many years of good health and happiness

**ADOPTED** this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2013.

  
RAYMOND CHINTALL, MAYOR