

RESOLUTION NO. 5030

A RESOLUTION HONORING EUGENE POLICE OFFICER CHRIS KILCULLEN, HIS SERVICE AND HIS SACRIFICE.

The City Council of the City of Eugene finds that:

A. Chris Kilcullen was hired as a Eugene Police Officer in March 1998. Some of his notable achievements include the following:

1. He was a member of the Eugene Police Department Crisis Negotiation Team since 2002. He was a very highly skilled negotiator and is credited with saving many lives.

2. He became a member of the Eugene Police Department Rapid Deployment Unit in 2003, and earned an Advanced Certificate as a Certified Police Officer in 2004.

3. He was awarded Eugene Police Department Employee of the Month in May 2004 for having the highest activity level of any EPD patrol officer, based on the number of investigations, arrests, traffic citations and field interviews completed. He was again awarded Eugene Police Department Employee of the Month in June 2008.

4. He was a member of Special Operations and the Traffic Enforcement Unit since 2005.

5. He helped develop the Crisis Intervention Team and had served on the Team since 2008.

6. He received more than 85 commendations during his 12-year career at the Eugene Police Department. Those commendations repeatedly cited Officer Kilcullen's exemplary professional demeanor and positive interactions with the public, even in the most stressful circumstances. Many people who received traffic citations from Officer Kilcullen would thank him and call the department to comment on his professional and positive approach.

B. Chris Kilcullen was an outstanding Eugene Police officer and exemplary public servant. He was a remarkably and unfailingly kind, cheerful, thoughtful and giving person, with a smile that brightened the day of anyone he encountered.

C. In addition to his service as a police officer, Chris Kilcullen was a dedicated community volunteer and devoted husband and father. His wife and two daughters were his greatest passion and he adored and cherished the time, however short, he had with them.

D. Officer Kilcullen's tragic death in the line of duty reminds us of the inherent danger that our police officers willingly face to protect the Eugene community. Police officers and other public safety professionals courageously place the safety and welfare of community members above their own every day.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EUGENE, a Municipal Corporation of the State of Oregon, as follows:

Section 1. The City of Eugene is deeply saddened and mourns the loss of this fine officer.

Section 2. The City of Eugene expresses its immeasurable gratitude to Officer Chris Kilcullen and his family for his outstanding public service.

Section 3. The City of Eugene hereby declares that Friday, April 29, 2011, is Officer Chris Kilcullen Remembrance Day and encourages the community to share in expressions of support for Officer Kilcullen, his family and the Eugene Police Department.

The foregoing Resolution adopted the 25th day of April, 2011.

Deputy City Recorder