

# CITY OF AMERICAN CANYON PROCLAMATION



## HONORING POLICE OFFICER GEOFF ROCHESTER

**WHEREAS**, Officer Geoff Rochester will be retiring from the Napa County Sheriff's Office, and from the American Canyon Police Force effective October 6, 2020, after 20 years of exemplary service and it is significant for the City of American Canyon that Officer Rochester has spent 13 of those years assigned to the City; and

**WHEREAS**, he has held various specialty roles specifically assigned to serving the residents of this City; and

**WHEREAS**, he spent several years as the American Canyon Middle School (ACMS), School Resource Officer (SRO) where he not only provided a safe learning environment for the students, but valuable mentoring and friendship to the entire campus community; and

**WHEREAS**, during his time as an SRO, Officer Rochester noticed a dangerous trend in the community with young children coming into possession of, and playing with, realistic looking replica firearms so he designed an educational curriculum for both students and parents regarding replica weapons safety;

**WHEREAS**, shortly after the tragedy of the 1999 Columbine High School Shooting, Officer Rochester worked on a project to bring Active Shooter response training to all officers assigned to American Canyon; and

**WHEREAS**, he spent part of his 13 years in American Canyon as the City's first Community Resources Officer, as part of the nationwide Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program and helped establish the first National Night Out event in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, during his tenure as the Community Resource Officer, he established a "Keep Kids Alive, Drive 25" campaign for signage and enforcement near schools, early programs for the ACPD Neighborhood Watch, and a Crime and Theft Suppression (CATS) program to target theft prone areas during city growth at various housing construction sites; and

**WHEREAS**, he served as a Field Training Officer for 15 years, a member of the Honor Guard for 15 years, a SWAT operator for 12 years, and as a Recruit Training Officer for Class #74 of the Napa Valley Police Academy;

**WHEREAS**, Officer Rochester will be spending more time with family and plans to relocate out of state upon retirement.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of American Canyon does hereby thank Officer Geoff Rochester for his dedication and service and wish him well in his new endeavors.

Dated: October 6, 2020

*Leon Garcia*

Leon Garcia, Mayor