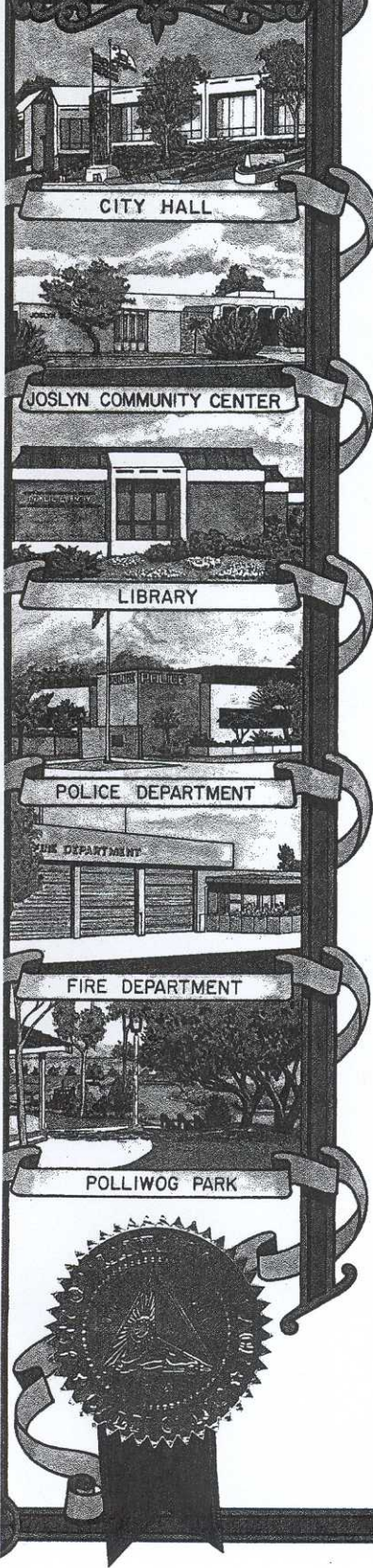


Manhattan Beach

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CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION

POLICE CHIEF ERNEST M. KLEVESAH, JR
MANHATTAN BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT



WHEREAS, On December 23, 2005, Ernest Klevesahl, Jr. will retire from his position as Police Chief of the City of Manhattan Beach after six and a half years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, Chief Klevesahl began his career in law enforcement in 1972 with the San Diego Police Department. In 1973, he transferred to the San Diego Sheriff's Department where he performed a variety of assignments and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, Chief Klevesahl earned his Bachelor's Degree from San Diego State University; his Master's Degree from National University in San Diego; and is a graduate of the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Command College, Class 11; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, Chief Klevesahl was selected as Police Chief for the City of Lincoln, California where he served for three years. In 1995, Chief Klevesahl left Lincoln to become the Chief of Police/Public Safety Director in Grover Beach, California where he worked for over four years; and

WHEREAS, after a state wide search, Chief Klevesahl was selected as the Chief of Police for the City of Manhattan Beach on July 17, 1999. During his tenure with the Manhattan Beach Police Department, Chief Klevesahl has been dedicated to serving the community by providing excellent policing services, demonstrating leadership through the development of police personnel and by shaping the future of the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to increase understanding between the Police and citizens, preserve the sense of security and have a greater appreciation of what is required to maintain the quality of life in this community, Chief Klevesahl introduced the Manhattan Beach Community Police Academy in April of 2002. As of December, 2005, five classes of participants have graduated; and

WHEREAS, under Chief Klevesahl's direction, an "Area Traffic Officer Program" was created to address neighborhood concerns and to open the lines of communication with Traffic Officers assigned to specific areas. A "Pedestrian Safety" campaign was also launched to emphasize the need for drivers to be alert and cautious of pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, Chief Klevesahl has been a member of the Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce since 1999. As a member of the Manhattan Beach Rotary Club, Chief Klevesahl participated in Corazon (an organization that builds homes for underprivileged families in Mexico), Meals on Wheels and various other fundraisers and charities throughout the South Bay area; and

WHEREAS, Chief Klevesahl has dedicated nearly 34 years of his life to law enforcement and has earned the respect of community members, law enforcement professionals and friends throughout California.

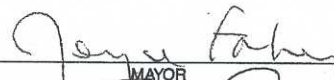
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council on behalf of the residents and citizens of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, does hereby award this commendation to


POLICE CHIEF ERNEST M. KLEVESAH, JR.


upon his retirement and for his outstanding contributions to the City of Manhattan Beach.

DATED this 20th day of December, 2005.



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