



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Retired Lieutenant K-9 Finn, a Belgian Malinois born overseas, began his career with the Town of Milton in December 2008, graduated training in April 2009; and

WHEREAS, Finn, who was trained in English, Spanish, Dutch and German, was an elite and dedicated officer used for tracking suspects, high risk traffic stops, crowd control, property searches and officer protection, used hand signals, foot signals, off leash and call off from a distance and represented the Town of Milton in demonstrations at National Night Out, schools and numerous civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, K-9 Finn was often called to assist in suspect and drug searches by the Delaware State Police, City of Milford SWAT, City of Lewes Police Department and notably instrumental in assisting the Town of Georgetown Police Department in securing a cash seizure of more than \$270,000; and


WHEREAS, Finn's creditability was never questioned in court due to his exceptional training and 100% pass rate to become nationally certified by Ventosa Kennel. Finn never bit anyone as suspects gave up before he was deployed or given command; and

WHEREAS, Finn provided an extra measure of safety to Milton police officers and community by his equivalent of hundreds of man hours searching crime locations quickly and efficiently; and

WHEREAS, K-9 Finn officially retired in July 2019 and continued civilian life with Chief Derrick Harvey until his passing on June 16, 2021.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that it is my sincere pleasure as Mayor, on behalf of the entire Town Council, to express our appreciation of K-9 Finn, a real hero, on his approximately eleven years of service to the Town of Milton and its citizens. Thank you K9 Finn for your service.

Presented on this 12th day of July, 2021


Theodore J. Kahakos, Mayor