



COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS

PROCLAMATION 2023-01

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING EMERGENCY RESPONSE PERSONNEL FOR THEIR LIFE-SAVING EFFORTS ON AUGUST 16, 2023

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the city council (the “*Council*”) of the city of Cottonwood Heights (the “*City*”) to focus attention on, and to commend, noteworthy accomplishments occurring in the City; and

WHEREAS, on the evening of August 16, 2023, a 25-year-old nurse was driving to her home in Cottonwood Heights after finishing her shift at the University of Utah Hospital; and

WHEREAS, as she exited I-215 at Highland Drive, a fentanyl-impaired unlicensed driver fell asleep while driving a Dodge construction truck, with his truck then veering off the road, becoming airborne, and landing on top of the nurse’s small Toyota, trapping her inside; and

WHEREAS, despite being conscious, the severely-injured nurse was stuck in a cramped 18-inch high space in her flattened vehicle beneath the large truck and could not be extricated by conventional means; and

WHEREAS, multiple emergency responders, including personnel of Unified Fire Authority, Murray Fire Department, Utah Highway Patrol, and Cottonwood Heights Police Department, worked together for two hours to secure the scene and extricate the nurse, eventually needing a heavy tow apparatus equipped with a crane to successfully lift the truck high enough to rescue the nurse; and

WHEREAS, the nurse was then transported to Intermountain Medical Center, where it was reported that she had suffered fractures in almost every limb and her torso; and

WHEREAS, remarkably, the nurse is expected to survive, although she will likely experience long-term consequences of her injuries; and

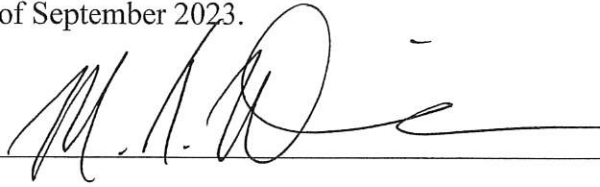
WHEREAS, the coordinated, valiant effort of these first responders ensured the nurse’s survival, and the subsequent support provided to the victim’s family and the exceptional work done to prepare the case for prosecution of the impaired driver have been extraordinary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Cottonwood Heights city council and manager that the City hereby recognizes and commends all those who participated so valiantly in responding to the scene of this accident and providing herculean efforts to save the victim’s life, and subsequently aided the victim’s family and prepared enforcement proceedings against the

impaired driver, for their outstanding performance and stellar example of skill, empathy, dedication and focus.

DATED this 19th day of September 2023.

Mayor Michael T. Weichers



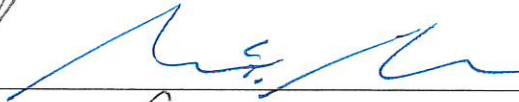
Councilmember Matt Holton



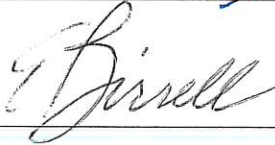
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