



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: July 22, 2025

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

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**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
Honoring And Celebrating the Outstanding Achievements Of Officer Riley Howard**

Whereas, Officer Riley Howard achieved his bachelor's degree from Sonoma State University; and

Whereas, he started law enforcement with the Petaluma Police Department in June 2015; and

Whereas, he transferred to the Santa Rosa Police Department in October 2015; and

Whereas, he transferred to the Traffic Division as an Accident Investigator in January 2020; and

Whereas, he was the major investigator in nine major injury or fatal collision investigations, all of which led to successful prosecutions of the suspects; and

Whereas, he also assisted other Accident Investigators with their major investigations as well; and

Whereas, Officer Howard was designated in Sonoma County Superior Court as an expert witness into the causes of traffic collisions due to his experience; and

Whereas, Officer Howard took the lead in conducting enforcement operations and follow-up investigations to almost eradicate sideshow activity completely on our city streets; and

Whereas, he trained other SRPD officers to conduct sideshow traffic enforcement as well; and did multiple presentations in English and Spanish for the community, regarding the dangers of sideshows; and

Whereas, in addition to serving as an Accident Investigator, Office Howard also served the community in traffic enforcement; and

Whereas, through his dedication to DUI enforcement, during his five years in traffic, he made over 350 DUI arrests, both felony and misdemeanor; and

Whereas, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers honored Office Howard as their State of California's "Top Cop"; and

Whereas, the Exchange Club of Santa Rosa is honoring Officer Howard who was selected by the Police Chiefs Organization as Sonoma County's 77th annual Peace Officer of the Year.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that we, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, do hereby honor Office Riley Howard for his exceptional leadership, dedication, and contributions to our community's safety which will have a lasting impact throughout the County of Sonoma and the State of California.

Be It Further Resolved that the Board of Supervisors expresses its deepest gratitude and admiration for his outstanding career of service to Office Howard.

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