

PROCLAMATION



State of Florida
Collier County
City of Marco Island

PROCLAMATION HONORING CAPTAIN DAVID S. BAER

WHEREAS the City of Marco Island, Florida's 400th city, was incorporated on August 28, 1997; and

WHEREAS Captain David S. Baer was appointed as a Marco Island Public Safety Officer on August 16, 1999, serving in both fire and police roles;

WHEREAS Captain Baer is a member of the Florida Chiefs Association with advanced certification in Criminal Justice, Emergency Management, Terrorism security, Code Enforcement, Use of Force and Defensive tactics;

WHEREAS Captain Baer previously dedicated 17 years of his career with various fire, rescue and police agencies in the State of Ohio, and served his country honorably in the U.S. Coast Guard;

WHEREAS Captain Baer played an integral role re-organizing the Marco Island Public Safety organization to our current community focused police department, and committed to and created initiatives bespoke to Marco Island needs, including but not limited to the inception of the marine unit, Code Red, and community education programs;

WHEREAS Captain Baer demonstrated operational leadership and professionalism while effectively managing crisis support during many tropical storms and hurricanes, and selflessly volunteered his time to youth organizations, such as the 501st Legion (Everglades squadron) and the Gulf Coast High School Marching Band;

WHEREAS David S. Baer spent over 34 years in public safety, married to Patricia Baer for 33 years, who diligently supported his career and has, therefore, also sacrificed for the City of Marco Island.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Marco Island City Council that David S. Baer has the sincere appreciation of City Council and the citizens of Marco Island for his tireless efforts over 22 years, his enthusiasm for his work, his integrity, his professional judgment, and his selfless devotion to public service.

DONE AND ORDERED THIS 7TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021.

Jared Grifoni, Council Chairman

ATTEST

Laura Litzan, City Clerk