



CITY OF BLAINE

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ROCLAMATION

JAMES A. BECKER

WHEREAS, the Spring Lake Park-Blaine-Mounds View Fire Department is the largest volunteer fire department in Anoka and Ramsey Counties and second largest in the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, it is the privilege of Blaine citizens to recognize the public service of James A. Becker who joined the Spring Lake Park-Blaine-Mounds View Fire Department in February of 1994, as a volunteer firefighter; and

WHEREAS, James was a key member of the Fire Department and during his tenure, served as a Firefighter, Public Educator and served on the Personnel Committee, Truck Committee and Board of Directors, and

WHEREAS, James was certified at the Firefighter I level in 2004 and First Responder level in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Becker completed numerous specialized training courses and seminars about various areas of firefighting, and

WHEREAS, during his years of service, James responded to more than 2,945 fire calls and attended over 1,137 weekly drills, 213 public relations events and contributed over 380 hours in public education. He received several commendations in recognition of his commitment to fire protection and the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Blaine acknowledges, with sincere appreciation, the dedicated and loyal service of Firefighter James Becker who retired on January 9, 2017 after 22 years of service to the citizens of our City.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Blaine to be affixed on this 16th day of February 2016.

Tom Ryan, Mayor