

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL RESOLUTION

July 9, 2025

No. 25-67

Proclamation

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ST. ANTHONY POLICE SERGEANT JIM SOUTH

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2025, St. Anthony Police Sergeant Jim South responded to a high-risk incident in the City of Falcon Heights involving a male individual armed with a knife, walking into traffic, and acting aggressively toward passing vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant South, drawing on his crisis negotiation and intervention training, requested backup while calmly engaging the individual, who was in visible mental distress and repeatedly asked to be harmed; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant South maintained a steady and composed presence, gradually building rapport and encouraging the individual to discard the weapon, which he ultimately did, though he initially refused to comply with further commands; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant South then coordinated with assisting officers to safely take the individual into custody and ensure he received appropriate mental health care, all without injury to the individual, officers, or the public; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant South's professionalism, patience, and measured response exemplify a commitment to de-escalation and public safety.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor, Randall C. Gustafson, on behalf of the City Council of the City of Falcon Heights, Minnesota, do hereby recognize and commend St. Anthony Police Sergeant Jim South for his compassion and calm approach while responding to someone in crisis, despite them being armed, and for his steadfast approach in peacefully resolving a very tense and volatile situation so that no harm was done to this individual or to others. May this proclamation be provided to Jim South in recognition of his dedication to preserving the peace and safety of our community.

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Approved by:


Randall C. Gustafson

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