



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

**Whereas:** it is one of the privileges of the Mayor and City Council to recognize and honor significant occasions; and

*W*HEREAS: Officer Brian Kitko has been chosen to receive the 2017 Public Service Award from the Knights of Columbus, Perpetual Help Council 4603; and

*W*HEREAS: Officer Kitko enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1991 and was promoted eight times over his 22½ years to the rank of Master Sergeant. Officer Kitko served simultaneously within the Marine Security Guard Program and Diplomatic Security Service; and

*W*HEREAS: Officer Kitko served in Iraq in support of Operation Noble Eagle/Enduring Freedom and completed a combat tour with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 25<sup>th</sup> Marines, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Division. During this time, Officer Kitko was recognized for leading an institution-wide web based Global Combat Service Support (GCSS) system in the largest Marine Corps area of responsibility; and

*W*HEREAS: Officer Kitko joined the Grove City Division of Police in 2006 and has been an exceptional officer and member of the Strategic Response Team (SRT/SWAT), and the Traffic Crash Investigation Unit, and continues as a member of the Honor Guard; and

*W*HEREAS: Officer Kitko was instrumental in developing the current Police K-9 program and is the Division's first K-9 handler. Officer Kitko and K-9 partner, Max are currently assigned to the Special Operations Bureau (SOB) where they collaborate with uniform and plain-clothes officers focusing on narcotics, vice, retail theft and current crime trends. Additionally, Officer Kitko and Max conduct public relations events to keep the community informed and involved, as well as instructing classes on animal safety and demonstrations at the Grove City library, YMCA, and many civic, church, school and business organizations.

NOW THEREFORE, we do hereby, proudly honor and recognize Officer Brian Kitko on receiving the 2017 Knights of Columbus Public Service Award.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our names and caused the Great Seal of Grove City Ohio, be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

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Richard L. "Ike" Stage, Mayor

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