**A Resolution Naming The City Of Porterdale Dog-Park In Honor Of K-9 Sergeant Beau.**

**BE IT RESOLVED:**

**WHEREAS**, in the late summer of 2008, the City of Porterdale determined to institute a K-9 Officer program in the Porterdale Police Department;

**WHEREAS**, in September 2008, K-9 Beau became the first K-9 Police Officer serving the City of Porterdale;

**WHEREAS**, K-9 Beau served the City of Porterdale from September 2008 until his retirement in December 2013;

**WHEREAS**, during the years of K-9 Officer Beau’s service to the City, he assisted in multiple searches for missing residents, multiple drug enforcement actions both within the City of Porterdale and with surrounding Law Enforcement Agencies;

**WHEREAS**, for a period of time during his service with the City of Porterdale, K-9 Officer Beau worked with the United States Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement at Atlanta Hartsfield International Airport and, in that service identified the sum of $220,000 in cash that was seized as drug funds, resulting in $58,000 being awarded to the Porterdale Police Department.

**WHEREAS**, K-9 Officer Beau, especially enjoyed working with the community, actively engaging the public and participating in Public Safety Days and School Events, including Red Ribbon Week events and FFA camp events with the children of the community;

**WHEREAS**, K-9 Officer Beau rode in a place of honor during annual Porterdale Christmas Parades;

**WHEREAS,** for his service to the City of Porterdale Police Department and community, K-9 Officer Beau attained the rank of Sergeant;

**WHEREAS**, K-9 Sergeant Beau provided the inspiration for creation of the Ride to Provide, which has provided first aid kits to K-9 Officers around the world;

**WHEREAS**, K-9 Sergeant Beau passed away peacefully on December 28, 2013 in the arms of his Police Officer handler;

**WHEREAS,** the City of Porterdale has created a Dog Park within the area of the City of Porterdale’s Yellow River Park, for the use of the citizens and residents of the City of Porterdale and the surrounding communities;

**WHEREAS**, for his service to the City, the Mayor and City Council wish to honor K-9 Sergeant Beau by naming the Dog Park in his honor;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in recognition of K-9 Sergeant Beau’s service to the City and community, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Porterdale hereby **RESOLVE** that the new City Dog Park shall be named and known as the “K-9 Beau Memorial Dog Park”.

Read and adopted in the called meeting of the City Council held on this 15th day of July, 2021.

ATTEST:

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