

RESOLUTION NO. 72-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING **KENNETH THOMPSON** FOR THIRTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH.

WHEREAS, Kenneth Thompson began his career with the City of Delray Beach on August 5, 1987 and on August 5, 2017 reached a milestone in his career, having achieved thirty years of dedicated service to the residents of Delray Beach, Highland Beach and Gulfstream; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter/Paramedic Thompson was hired as a Lifeguard I, promoted to Ocean Lifeguard, Ocean Lifeguard Lieutenant, Firefighter and then to Firefighter/Paramedic in January 2003 where he continues to serve served willingly and faithfully with distinction and honor; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his outstanding service as a Firefighter/Paramedic, Paramedic Thompson initiated the Delray Beach Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program in 1998 and has served as Lead Instructor since that date. As a direct result of his dedication, the CERT program has trained approximately three hundred and fifty volunteers in 28 Delray Beach communities to provide care and support for their neighborhoods during times of emergency; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter/Paramedic Thompson is a valuable, integral part of the Fire-Rescue Department and is known for his willingness to accept responsibility, his can-do spirit and his ability to engage with our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Fire-Rescue Department and the entire City of Delray Beach are fortunate to have Firefighter/Paramedic Thompson on our team.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the City Commission of the City of Delray Beach hereby extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Paramedic Thompson for thirty years of dedicated and faithful public service and wishes him the best of health and happiness in his continued service.

Section 2. That the City Commission call upon local fire departments, professional firefighters and paramedics in attendance, and all else present to acknowledge and applaud his outstanding and exemplary service to the City of Delray Beach, its residents and surrounding communities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED in regular session on this the 17th day of October, 2017.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK