

**Resolution of Commendation  
Police Chief Joseph Michael Polisar**

- WHEREAS, Police Chief Joseph Polisar became Garden Grove's 10<sup>th</sup> Chief of Police on June 1, 1998, following an impressive 21-year career with the Albuquerque, New Mexico Police Department, serving most recently as Chief of Police; and
- WHEREAS, For the next 12 years, Chief Polisar served as the highest ranking official in the Garden Grove Police Department, responsible for the daily safety and well-being of over 170,000 residents, and more than 200 sworn and civilian Police employees; and
- WHEREAS, During the course of his Garden Grove career, Chief Polisar led the Department through times of triumph as well as challenge, always with the utmost pride, respect, and honor for those who courageously served, continue to serve, or given their life to law enforcement; and
- WHEREAS, Under his 12-year leadership, the Garden Grove Police Department received numerous accolades and recognitions, including: consecutive re-accreditations by CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.), for superior excellence in law enforcement management and service, including selection as host agency for the 2010 CALEA Fall Conference; 2002 Community Policing Award from the Orange County Human Relations Commission; and designation by the State Legislature of the SR-22 Garden Grove Freeway as the "Garden Grove Police Officers Memorial Highway"; and
- WHEREAS, From community groups to international organizations, Chief Polisar has earned prominent distinctions during his tenure as Garden Grove Chief of Police that include: President of the International Association of Chiefs of Police; 2010 Spurgeon Award for Exploring; 2003 Community Achievement Award; and special recognition at the 2002 Day of Unity & Prayer; and
- WHEREAS, On December 31, 2010, after 33 years of decorated service to law enforcement, 12 to the City of Garden Grove, "Chief Joe" will proudly don his Police Chief uniform and badge for the last time, as he retires from the Garden Grove Police Department with all the honors deserving of a proven leader, mentor, and professional, who will preserve a cherished standing in the Garden Grove community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Garden Grove does hereby recognize and commend Joseph Michael Polisar on the occasion of his retirement, extend deepest appreciation for his distinguished service to the City and community, and wish him many memorable retirement years ahead.

**December 14, 2010**

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William J. Dalton, *Mayor*

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Steven R. Jones, *Mayor Pro Tem*

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Dina Nguyen, *Council Member*

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Bruce A. Broadwater, *Council Member*

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Andrew Do, *Council Member*

**Approved for Agenda Listing**

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