



C O U N T Y O F

# Inyo

## Proclamation

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF INYO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, RECOGNIZING AND EXPRESSING ITS SINCEREST APPRECIATION FOR SHERIFF WILLIAM R. LUTZE AND HIS DECADES OF SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS AND VISITORS OF INYO COUNTY, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT**

**WHEREAS**, William R. Lutze has been a resident of Inyo County since 1969, when his family moved to Shoshone, California from their ranch in Washington State; and,

**WHEREAS**, upon his graduation from Death Valley High School in January 1973, Lutze embarked on what would become a lifelong and storied career in Inyo County law enforcement, starting in February 1973 as a full-time cadet assigned to the Inyo County Jail and Sheriff's Office Dispatch; and,

**WHEREAS**, Lutze's career with the Inyo County Sheriff's Office followed an upward trajectory from the beginning, starting in October 1973 when he was promoted to Deputy Sheriff and became the youngest deputy to attend the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Academy, where he earned the Tactical Director's Most Improved and Dedicated Student Award; and,

**WHEREAS**, Lutze was subsequently assigned as a Resident Deputy in the Tecopa/Shoshone/Death Valley area for five years before transferring to Southern Patrol Division Headquarters, where he served as a Patrol Deputy for three years; and,

**WHEREAS**, during this time Lutze joined the Sheriff's Special Enforcement Team and was elected its Team Leader; and,

**WHEREAS**, while continuing to serve as the Special Enforcement Team Leader, Lutze was promoted to Sergeant in March 1981 and assigned to the Jail and Dispatch operations as a Shift Supervisor; and,

**WHEREAS**, two years later Lutze was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, holding assignments of Jail Commander, Administrative Services Commander, Inyo County Emergency Services Coordinator and Southern and Northern Division Commander, all while serving on the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force, Mutual Aid Regional Advisory Committee, Emergency Services Grant Committee, and as Public Information Officers Association Chairman and Internal Affairs Supervisors; and,

**WHEREAS**, Lutze also served as Undersheriff, under contract with the County of Inyo, from 1989 through 1991; and,

**WHEREAS**, his distinguished career reached another pinnacle in November 2006 when he was elected Inyo County Sheriff over two challengers for the position, and, in a testament to his leadership ability and the trust the public continued to place in him, was re-elected without contest to two more terms, in 2010 and 2014; and,

**WHEREAS**, during his tenure as Sheriff in the second largest county in California for the past 12 years, Sheriff Lutze has consistently demonstrated the skills, integrity, and leadership that have been hallmarks of his long career, ably balancing budgetary constraints against the all-important duty of protecting and serving Inyo County's 18,000-plus residents and its millions of annual visitors; and,

**WHEREAS**, his duties have also included overseeing the Animals Services and Veterans Services divisions, both of which have been enhanced under his command, including the construction of a new Animal Shelter in 2015; and ,

**WHEREAS**, Sheriff Lutze has announced his retirement effective July 12, 2018 after 45 years of service to the County of Inyo, making him one of the longest-tenured and most well-known and admired public servants in the region.

**NOW, THEREFOR BE IT PROCLAIMED**, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018, the Inyo County Board of Supervisors acknowledges and thanks, with its deepest and most heartfelt gratitude, Sheriff William R. Lutze for his decades of service to the Inyo County Sheriff's Office and the residents and visitors of Inyo County, and congratulates him on the eve of what this Board hopes will be a healthy, happy and rewarding retirement.

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