PROCLAMATION

TARRANT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
RECOGNITION OF VALOR AND HEROISM

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2024, Deputies from the Tarrant County Sheriff's Warrant Division attempted to apprehend a fugitive wanted for three felony warrants related to crimes against children; and

WHEREAS, upon making contact, the suspect refused to comply, barricaded the door, and opened fire on Deputies, striking Deputy Todd Tipton three times as he held a ballistic shield to protect his team; and

WHEREAS, despite his injuries, Deputy Tipton continued to engage the suspect, while Sergeant Jefferson Smith and Deputy Brent Brown risked their own safety to extract him from the danger zone and provide emergency aid; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Christopher Salone shielded fellow officers under fire, sustaining direct hits to his ballistic shield, yet maintained his position and directed responding units until the threat was neutralized; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Valentino Lopez and MedStar EMS provided critical, life-saving medical treatment to Deputy Tipton, ensuring his survival; and

WHEREAS, multiple agencies, including the Fort Worth Police Department, Haltom City Police Department, Fort Worth Fire Department, MedStar EMS, and surrounding law enforcement, worked together to resolve this dangerous situation; and

WHEREAS, these Deputies displayed extraordinary bravery, selflessness, and unwavering commitment to public safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County, honor the heroic actions and dedication of Deputy Todd Tipton, Sergeant Jefferson Smith, Sergeant Christopher Salone, Deputies Tom Turpin, Brent Brown, Jeff Jones, Erick Campbell, and Deputy Valentino Lopez to protecting the citizens of Tarrant County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand and caused the great seal of Tarrant County to be affixed this 19th day of February 2025.