

Proclamation



- WHEREAS:** Today, we honor and celebrate the distinguished 36-year career of Captain Martin W. Hedelund, Sr.; and
- WHEREAS:** Captain Hedelund was born and raised in Pompano Beach and graduated from Deerfield Beach High School in 1983. He has lived in Pompano Beach his entire life and since 1991 has lived with his wife and two sons in the house his grandfather built in 1957 in the City of Pompano Beach; and
- WHEREAS:** Captain Hedelund began his law enforcement career on October 14, 1988, when he joined the Pompano Beach Police Department where he served as a Road Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, and Auto Theft Detective. After the merger with the Broward County Sheriff's Office in 1999, Martin was promoted to Sergeant and Lieutenant and during that time he supervised criminal investigations and child protective services and in 2017 was named Pompano Beach Executive Lieutenant for Area 1. He was promoted to Pompano Beach Executive Captain in 2019 where he has served until his retirement; and
- WHEREAS:** Captain Hedelund has been recognized throughout his career by members of the Pompano Beach Police Department, the Broward County Sheriff's Office, multiple service clubs of Broward County including The Rotary Club and The Greater Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce; the University of Miami, and The Autism Society of Florida; and
- WHEREAS:** Captain Hedelund has earned and maintained the confidence and support of the residents of Pompano Beach, while leading by example over his career and by demonstrating his core values of competence, courage, integrity, leadership, respect, and restraint; and
- WHEREAS:** Captain Hedelund has been a champion in Pompano Beach, Broward County and the entire state of Florida for the Autism community; he has volunteered and trained over 3,000 first responders on how to better engage and communicate with persons living with Autism.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Rex Hardin, Mayor of the City of Pompano Beach, on behalf of the City Commission do hereby proclaim, Captain Hedelund is highly deserving of this special commendation for his dedicated service and leadership in the City of Pompano Beach, and I urge all residents and employees to join me in congratulating Captain Martin Hedelund for his outstanding contributions to our community.

DONE this 28th day of May, 2024.

REX HARDIN
MAYOR

