

A RESOLUTION HONORING CHIEF CHARLES F. “RICK” DINSE

WHEREAS, *The Salt Lake City Police Department has proudly served Salt Lake City since 1847; and*

WHEREAS, *Charles F. “Rick” Dinse began his career in law enforcement in 1966 with the Los Angeles Police Department and has served as the Chief of the Salt Lake City Police Department since August 2000; and*

WHEREAS, *One of Chief Dinse’s first accomplishments as Chief of Police was to implement Core Values of integrity, reverence for the law; respect for the individual; and service to the community which has become the standard to which officers adhere to today; and*

WHEREAS, *Chief Dinse’s expertise and best experiences came to the forefront as he led the Salt Lake City Police Department to prepare for security leading up to and during the Salt Lake City 2002 Winter Olympic Games while simultaneously ensuring the continuity of the day-to-day business for public safety. Chief Dinse not only led the Salt Lake City Police Department, but served as Vice Commander of the Utah Olympic Public Safety Command. He was instrumental in the creation of a Public Order Unit designated specifically to deal with crowd and incident management, which to this day, is utilized by the Salt Lake City Police Department in many varied capacities. Chief Dinse’s experience from the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Olympic Games as well as the 1984 Los Angeles Summer Olympic Games made him a sought after consultant and a requested advisor for the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens, Greece; and*

WHEREAS, *Drawing on his experience from the 1994 Northridge Earthquake, Chief Dinse made the formation of a Homeland Security Unit a priority during his administration. Because of his foresight, Salt Lake City and the Police Department are better equipped and prepared to deal with a large scale catastrophe. Preparations have included an emergency preparedness manual, identification of critical infrastructure, increased intelligence gathering, training to first responders, and Department and City-wide planning; and*

WHEREAS, *Throughout Chief Dinse’s tenure, he created an atmosphere of trust and mutual cooperation between the Police Department and the Salt Lake Police Association. This amicable relationship has led to a dramatic improvement in the internal affairs process, reducing internal affairs complaints by over 55% since his arrival; and*

WHEREAS, *Over the past five years, the Salt Lake City Police Department has been involved in some of the most high profile events in the history of, not only the agency, but of Salt Lake City and the State of Utah. Nationally known incidents such as the Elizabeth Smart kidnapping and the Lori Hacking homicide investigation placed intense international media scrutiny upon the Police Department. Under Chief Dinse’s leadership, the Police Department received many accolades for the manner in which they handled these high profile occurrences; and*

WHEREAS, *Chief Dinse was instrumental in the construction of the Pioneer Precinct located on the west side of Salt Lake City. Recognizing the crucial need for an updated Police building as well as an east side equivalent to the Pioneer Precinct, Chief Dinse focused his efforts on obtaining these facilities to increase efficiency, productivity and response to the community; and*

WHEREAS, *Major crimes in Salt Lake City reached a 14 year low during 2005 and a continued decline is anticipated. The realization of this goal is due in large part to Chief Dinse’s diligence and leadership. The identification of crime trends, locations and participants has been a priority of Chief Dinse’s administration leading to the creation of several innovative tactical approaches, units and directions, including the formation of a cold case squad.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

that the Salt Lake City Council hereby recognizes Chief Dinse for his service, professionalism, dedication and commitment to Salt Lake City and its citizens since August 2000. We recognize the many sacrifices he made on behalf of his employees and the citizens of Salt Lake City. We extend our best wishes and congratulations to Chief Dinse on his retirement and wish him an equally successful and enjoyable future.

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