



**CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION**

**WHEREAS,** *On March 19, 2010, Scott Ferguson will resign as Fire Chief of the City of Manhattan Beach to become the Fire Chief of the Santa Monica Fire Department; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Chief Ferguson began his Fire career in 1984 with the City of Vancouver, Washington. In 2002 he became an Assistant Fire Chief with the Peoria Fire Department in Arizona, and in 2008, was selected as the Fire Chief for the City of Manhattan Beach; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Chief Ferguson earned his Bachelor of Liberal Studies Degree in 2002 from Eastern Oregon University; earned a Masters Degree in Psychology from Wayland Baptist University; and holds an Executive Fire Officer Certificate from the National Fire Academy in Maryland; and*

**WHEREAS,** *during his tenure as Fire Chief of Manhattan Beach, he led the Department through a 9 month long staffing study and most recently initiated a strategic plan for future initiatives and improved service delivery to the community; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Chief Ferguson was instrumental in organizing the first "Fire Muster" whereby City staff, media personnel and elected officials were able to experience and perform numerous firefighting skills and evolutions; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Chief Ferguson has been a member of the Manhattan Beach Rotary since 2008 and is also a member of various Fire Chief Boards and organizations; and*

**WHEREAS,** *during his tenure with the City of Manhattan Beach, Chief Ferguson has dedicated himself to improving the Fire Department and to serving the community. He was committed to the development of his personnel and to the highest level of Fire Department services possible. Chief Ferguson has been described as "A Rising Star in the Fire Service" and has earned the respect of his employees, his fellow Fire Service professionals and our community.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council, on behalf of the residents and citizens of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, does hereby award this commendation to

**FIRE CHIEF SCOTT FERGUSON**

*upon his departure from the Manhattan Beach Fire Department; his new position as Fire Chief of the Santa Monica Fire Department; and for his outstanding contributions to the City of Manhattan Beach.*

**DATED** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010.

MAYOR