



McClellan, California

Resolution No. 551

**Presented to Twin Rivers School Police Department and Sergeant Arlin Kocher
In Memory of K9 Officer Jag**

WHEREAS, K9 Officer Jag, a sweet, lovable, and playful Belgian Malinois, has been the only canine officer to serve with the Twin Rivers School Police Department, he turned out to be the right canine with the right temperament for Twin Rivers Unified School District students after dozens of canines were screened; and

WHEREAS, K9 Officer Jag was just a few days shy of his 8th birthday, he served the district for five years as drug detection and protection canine and increased safety on campuses throughout the district; and

WHEREAS, K9 Officer Jag, while on duty, produced the surrender of drugs, weapons, and other illegal items and is credited with 3 apprehensions and 55 surrenders of suspects who committed crimes at our schools; a reduction of these related incidents helped make the school environment more conducive to teaching and to learning; and

WHEREAS, K9 Officer Jag received hundreds of requests to attend school and community events; made thousands of positive connections with Twin Rivers students, staff, and communities; loved the attention and affection he received from students and staff, especially petting and hugs; brought safety and joy to students; and calmed distressed and traumatized children; and

WHEREAS, K9 Officer Jag, of significant note, our Twin Rivers Police K9 Program was such a model that two other California school police departments created their own school police K9 programs. K9 Officer Jag was a member of the Foothills K9 Association, which represents 55 canines from 18 law enforcement agencies, and K9 Officer Jag’s handler, Sergeant Arlin Kocher, currently serves as the Association’s president; and

WHEREAS, K9 Officer Jag’s awards and acknowledgments were many while serving with the Twin Rivers School Police Department, they include:

- *Participation in 15 K9 trials (competitions) sanctioned by the Western States Police Canine Association. K9 teams from all over the region and state compete in these events*
- *2nd Place for “Novice” at 2011 trials hosted by Dos Palos Police Department*
- *2nd Place for “Novice” at 2011 trials hosted by Manteca Police Department*
- *3rd Place for “Patrol” at 2011 trials hosted by Manteca Police Department*
- *4th Place for “Searching” at March 2012 trials hosted by Modesto Police Department*
- *3rd Place for “Patrol” at 2012 trials hosted by Modesto Police Department*
- *1st Place for “Obedience” at April 2013 trials hosted by Stockton Police Department*
- *And numerous other awards and recognitions from schools, communities and organizations*
- *1st Place for “Stealing His Handler Sergeant Kocher’s Heart” in January 2011*
- *Agitator’s Choice Award (Most Impressive) at 2011 trials hosted by Manteca Police Department*
- *2nd Place for “Agility” at 2011 trials hosted by Manteca Police Department*
- *2nd Place for “Obedience” at March 2012 trials hosted by Modesto Police Department*
- *3rd Place for “Obedience” at April 2012 trials hosted by Stockton Police Department*
- *4th Place for “Protection” at 2012 trials hosted by Manteca Police Department*
- *Award of Excellence from the Lights On After School Program*
- *Foothills K9 Association Treasurer Julie Baldwin for her loyal and steadfast support of Twin Rivers Police K9 program and of Jag.*

WHEREAS, K9 Officer Jag was tragically lost in the line of duty when he was struck and killed by a vehicle, on Wednesday, January 20, 2016, as he participated in his annual state certification.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Twin Rivers Unified School District Board of Trustees expresses sincere gratitude on behalf of employees, students, and families of the Twin Rivers Unified School District community for the service rendered by Sergeant Arlin Kocher and K9 Officer Jag as they worked together as partners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Twin Rives Unified School District Board of Trustees is honored to present Resolution No. 551 to Twin Rivers School Police Department and Sergeant Arlin Kocher in memory of K9 Officer Jag and in honor of K9 Officer Jag’s outstanding performance as a canine officer serving with the Twin Rivers School Police Department.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Twin Rivers Unified School District Board of Trustees this 9th day of February 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: ___ ABSTAIN: ___ NOES: ___ ABSENT: ___

Linda Fowler, J.D., President of the Board of Trustees

ATTEST: _____
Steven Martinez, Ed.D., Superintendent