

**Proclamation of the City of Woodbury,  
Washington County, Minnesota**

**Koins for K-9s Month  
November 20 – December 20, 2020**

WHEREAS, a legacy fund has been established through the Woodbury Community Foundation which was started by Donna Smith-Stafford; and

WHEREAS, Dick Stafford's son Bruce Stafford was a Woodbury Firefighter for 22 years and retired as Chief, as well as a 35 year Paramedic; and

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2014, Bruce passed away suddenly; and

WHEREAS, this was a uniquely difficult situation for the Woodbury EMS, Police and Firefighters who responded; and

WHEREAS, seeing the first responders that night doing everything they could professionally, their shock and grief, and the caring gentleness shown his widow, Donna Smith-Stafford, left a lasting impression on her; and

WHEREAS, to show her deepest respect and gratitude, and with guidance from Bruce and Dick, a fund has been established to honor Woodbury's Public Safety Department which has been established as the Woodbury Police K9 Fund; and

WHEREAS, the fund's purpose and mission is to purchase canines, equipment and train officers in Woodbury; and

WHEREAS, to sustain the fund and remain true to the vision and mission, the Koins for K-9s program is established; and

WHEREAS, the City of Woodbury will declare the month between November 20 and December 20 every year be designated as Koins for K-9s Month in Woodbury.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Anne W. Burt, Mayor of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Nov 20 – Dec 20, 2020 to be

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in Woodbury. Donation boxes will be distributed through the community, giving an opportunity for everyone to give thanks to our police officers, canine officers, paramedic/EMTs and firefighters.

This Proclamation was adopted and was signed by the Mayor and attested to by the City Administrator this 28<sup>th</sup> Day of October.

Attest:

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Anne W. Burt, Mayor

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Clinton P. Gridley, City Administrator

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