

PROCLAMATION
Extra Mile Day
22-03

WHEREAS, the Town of Ocean View, Delaware, is a community which acknowledges that a special vibrancy exists within the entire community when its individual citizens, businesses, and employees collectively “go the extra mile” in personal effort, volunteerism, and service; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ocean View, is a community which encourages its citizens and employees to maximize their personal contribution to the community by giving of themselves wholeheartedly and with total effort, commitment, and conviction to their individual ambitions, family, friends, and community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ocean View, is a community which chooses to shine a light on and celebrate employees, volunteers, and organizations within its community who “go the extra mile” in order to make a difference and lift up fellow members of their community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ocean View, acknowledges the mission of *Extra Mile America* to identify Extra Mile towns and cities across America and is proud to support “*Extra Mile Day*” on November 1, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor John Reddington, of the Town of Ocean View, do hereby proclaim November 1, 2022, to be “*Extra Mile Day*”. In doing so, I urge each individual in the community to take time on this day to not only “go the extra mile” in his or her own life, but to also acknowledge all those who are inspirational in their efforts and commitment to make their organizations, families, community, country, or world a better place.

NOW THEREFORE, in honor of the “*Extra Mile Day*” 2022 the Town of Ocean View highlights the contributions and “extra mile” of personal efforts put forth by the following individuals for the benefit of our organization and community of Ocean View:

Dawn Parks, Finance Director

During 2022 and previously Dawn has exemplified the goals of the “*Extra Mile Day*” by creating positive change within the Town’s organization such that her leadership and guidance in relationship to the Town’s approach to its financial reporting and auditing have resulted in the Town receiving for the past two years an unmodified opinion from our outside auditors. This is the highest audit rating a local government can achieve. Dawn’s engagement with every level of our organization in a positive and encouraging way has led to increased understanding and attention to detail throughout our organization, making all efforts on behalf of our community more streamlined.

Sergeant Russel Carter, Ocean View Police Department

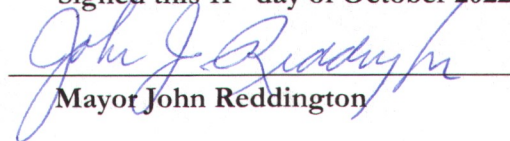
Sergeant Carter’s proactive and highly engaged style when approaching his varied duties for both the Ocean View Police Department and all other Town departments aligns with the goals of the “*Extra Mile Day*” in that our organization has come to depend on his above average performance and level of engagement. Among many other duties, Sergeant Carter provides IT support for all areas of Town Government in a cost-effective manner, making our organization more resilient and efficient. Of note was his strong sense of duty when called on to assist in providing for remote participation at meetings during the recent pandemic, his skills in capturing our meetings via YouTube with closed captioning, or his keen problem-solving skills for computer applications, access controls, security camera, etc. Going the “*extra mile*” and providing value outside of his regular job duties is a way of life for Sergeant Carter!

Ocean View Police Department Volunteers in Police Service (VIPs)

The Ocean View Police Department benefits from its VIPs – Volunteers in Police Service that manage the front desk of its administrative offices, greeting visitors, neighboring police department personnel, and those seeking non-emergency assistance as well as answering the phone, assisting contractors, etc. The VIPs serve for annual terms and are provided an orientation preparing them for the varied engagements they may encounter while on duty and oftentimes being the initial contact and face of the Ocean View Police Department. Over the years the skills and dedication of these local community VIPs has provided extra value through their willingness to assist with other projects, training events or community events, in addition to eliminating the need to fill this role with a paid staff member. Our VIPs have a strong sense of giving back through this specialized volunteer offering and share a feeling of comradery with the Department, its officers, and our Town. Therefore, in recognition of the Ocean View VIPs “***going the extra mile***” we applaud the efforts of current VIPs, Tom Rose, Charlie Caselli, Ray Danieli, Gayle Driver, Ed Donnelly and Dave Buchanan.

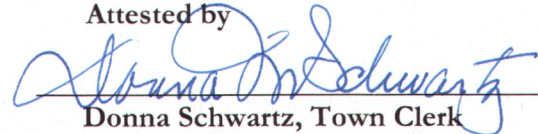
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Signed this 11th day of October 2022



Mayor John Reddington

Attested by



Donna Schwartz, Town Clerk

Quote from Mayor John Reddington (for the Extra Mile Day Coordinators):

“Having served our Country, and therefore having been exposed to and humbled by numerous acts of “***going the extra mile***” both then, and in the years that followed, I can share that its meaning to me is quite simple as its caring more for the greater good than for oneself. “Going the extra mile” to improve, support, lighten the load, or raise the bar for any effort one is engaged in, to me, is what “***Extra Mile Day***” is celebrating,” said Ocean View Mayor John Reddington.