

State of Wisconsin



2019 Assembly Resolution 10

ENGROSSED RESOLUTION

Relating to: honoring the public service of Police Chief Mike Koval.

Whereas, after a long and successful career in public service, Mike Koval, the chief of the Madison Police Department, retired on September 30, 2019; and

Whereas, after graduating from UW–Madison with a degree in journalism, Koval went on to receive a law degree and also served as an FBI agent for two years; and

Whereas, Koval first joined the Madison Police Department as an officer in 1983; and

Whereas, throughout his long career at MPD, he filled many roles, including field training supervisor, SWAT hostage negotiator, critical response team supervisor, primary legal instructor, and sergeant; and

Whereas, as the sergeant of recruitment and training for 17 years, Koval focused on diversifying MPD and hiring and training officers that shared the department's progressive policing philosophy; and

Whereas, for many years, Koval taught the constitutional law portion of MPD's academy, in which he reinforced the constitutional and statutory limits on police decision-making and emphasized respecting the rights of community members; and

Whereas, after three decades with the Madison Police Department, Koval was appointed chief in 2014; and

Whereas, as chief, Koval created a mental health unit and a community outreach and resource education unit, as well as neighborhood resource officer positions for every district, all with the goal of better serving the Madison community; and

Whereas, through his leadership, passion, hard work, and dedication, Koval earned the trust and respect of his MPD family; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, That the members of the Wisconsin Assembly join in honoring the public service of Police Chief Mike Koval and wish him and his wife, Jane, all the best as they begin their next chapter.

State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin

Representative Robin J. Vos
Speaker of the Assembly

Date

Patrick E. Fuller
Assembly Chief Clerk