

PROCLAMATION

of the

WINDHAM TOWN COUNCIL



Honoring the Life and Memory of Deputy Chief John L. Kooistra

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Kooistra was a beloved leader in the Windham Fire-Rescue Department for seven years, dedicated to our members and community; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Kooistra served the department since February 2019, bringing to Windham his expertise as a paramedic, firefighter, and educator, and dedicating his time to ensuring compassionate and quality emergency medical care for our citizens, as well as fact-based, skill-proficient training and education for our members; and

WHEREAS, through more than 32 years of public safety service, he cared deeply for colleagues, families, and neighbors in Windham, Portland, Westbrook, Wells, and United Ambulance, and taught hundreds of EMS clinicians, law enforcement officers, firefighters, and many others in public safety and health care both locally and worldwide in trauma and operational K9 care; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Kooistra was known for his compassionate and high-quality emergency medical care, his genuine concern for others, and his quick-witted humor, touching countless lives and leaving a legacy of dedication, service, and community spirit; and

WHEREAS, his profound impact on our community and his unwavering commitment to excellence, education, and public safety will be deeply missed by family, friends, and colleagues;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Windham Town Council hereby honors the memory of Deputy Chief John L. Kooistra, celebrating his remarkable life and mourning the profound loss to our community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we extend our deepest sympathies to his family and loved ones and encourage all citizens to remember John's enduring spirit, his exceptional career in public service, and the countless ways he strengthened and cared for our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of the Town of Windham, Maine to be affixed on this 9th day of January 2026.

Town Council of the Town of Windham, Maine:

Mark Morrison, Chairman

William Reiner, Vice Chairman

David Nadeau, Parliamentarian

Douglas Fortier

Brett Jones

Katie Cook

Margaret Terry