



Proclamation

RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION FOR ORLANDO KENT

WHEREAS, on the morning of Wednesday, August 18, 2021, a stabbing occurred at an intersection in downtown Palo Alto. The female suspect walked up behind a 16-year-old girl who was crossing the street, attacked her with a knife, and pulled her to the ground in a crosswalk; and

WHEREAS, Orlando Kent was driving through downtown Palo Alto when he witnessed the assault, and saw the suspect straddling the victim with the knife still in her hand. Mr. Kent immediately parked his car and ran to the victim's aid; and

WHEREAS, after the suspect ignored Mr. Kent's repeated requests to put the knife down and then tried to attack the victim again, Mr. Kent tackled the suspect off of the victim, wrestled the knife away from her, and pinned her down to the ground with the help of another Good Samaritan until officers from the Palo Alto Police Department arrived to take the woman into custody; and

WHEREAS, despite sustaining major injuries to her upper body, the victim is fortunately on the path to a full recovery; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kent's selfless and heroic actions to protect a complete stranger, at incredible personal risk to himself, most certainly saved the life of the young woman.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tom DuBois, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto on behalf of the entire City Council do hereby recognize the heroic act and expresses sincere appreciation to Orlando Kent.

PRESENTED: November 15, 2021

Tom DuBois
Mayor



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RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION FOR BENJAMIN BELLAMY

WHEREAS, on the morning of Wednesday, August 18, 2021, a stabbing occurred at an intersection in downtown Palo Alto. The female suspect walked up behind a 16-year-old girl who was crossing the street, attacked her with a knife, and pulled her to the ground in a crosswalk; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Bellamy was walking his dog in the area when he heard screaming. He saw the suspect on top of the victim with a knife in her hand. Mr. Bellamy immediately ran to the victim's aid; and

WHEREAS, after another Good Samaritan tackled the suspect off the victim and wrestled the knife away from her, Mr. Bellamy assisted in pinning the suspect down to the ground until officers from the Palo Alto Police Department arrived to take the woman into custody; and

WHEREAS, despite sustaining major injuries to her upper body, the victim is fortunately on the path to a full recovery; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bellamy's selfless and heroic actions to protect a complete stranger, at great personal risk to himself, most certainly contributed to saving the life of the young woman.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tom DuBois, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto on behalf of the entire City Council do hereby recognize the heroic act and expresses sincere appreciation to Benjamin Bellamy.

PRESENTED: November 15, 2021

Tom DuBois
Mayor