



# *Proclamation*

OFFICE OF THE  
MAYOR  
CITY OF SAN LUIS

## **Police Canine, Denis, Official City Mascot**

**WHEREAS**, the first recorded use of police canines was in 1869.

**WHEREAS**, there are approximately 100,000 law enforcement canines serving in communities across the United States, including 3 within the City of San Luis Police Department;

**WHEREAS**, nearly 50,000 assaults against law enforcement canines are reported each year;

**WHEREAS**, the names of dedicated police canines who made the ultimate sacrifice are engraved on the walls of the numerous police canine memorials across the nation, including 26 police canines that were killed in 2015 and 20 police canines killed in previous years;

**WHEREAS**, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their Police Canines and how the Police Canines assist the members of our Police Department in their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression;

**WHEREAS**, the members of the City of San Luis Police Department Police Canine play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of City of San Luis, Arizona;

**WHEREAS**, the City of San Luis Police Department Police Canines unceasingly provide vital public service; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Gerardo Sanchez, Mayor of the City of San Luis, Arizona hereby proclaim San Luis Police Canine, Denis, as the official mascot of the City of San Luis.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis Arizona, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

ATTEST:

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Gerardo Sanchez, Mayor

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Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk