

## **Watertown City Council**

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## PROCLAMATION HONORING RIAZ KHAN, JOEL MONTOYA, AND BORAN AKISIK

**WHEREAS**: The quality of a community's character can be defined by the actions of its members; and,

**WHEREAS**: Acts of courage and responsibility can be demonstrated by any member of a community; and,

**WHEREAS**: On the night of September 25, 2025, Watertown High School students Riaz Khan, Joel Montoya, and Boran Akisik witnessed a vehicular hit and run at the intersection of Palfrey Street and Pearl Street; and,

**WHEREAS**: Kahn, Montoya, and Akisik exhibited collective composure by playing a critical role in assisting responding officers by providing timely and accurate information; corroborating the victim's account, locating and reporting key evidence of a license plate, and providing detailed descriptions of the offender and their vehicle; and,

**WHEREAS:** As a result of their efforts, the Watertown Police Department was able to identify and locate the vehicle involved shortly after the incident; and,

**WHEREAS:** Their willingness to step forward and assist exemplifies civic responsibility and community partnership with law enforcement.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the City Council of Watertown hereby honors Riaz Khan, Joel Montoya, and Boran Akisik for their commendable actions in service to Watertown.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set our hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Watertown to be affixed on this 14th day of October 2025

Mark S. Sideris, Council President

