



PROCLAMATION  
**CAPTAIN D.J. BARCAL DAY**

WHEREAS: Captain D.J. Barcal's law enforcement career began in 1981 with the Crawford Police Department. After a short tenure, Captain Barcal left this position to serve in the United States Air Force. He was hired as a La Vista Police Officer on September 8, 1987 where he was awarded a Meritorious Commendation for saving a life and Officer of the Year in 1988. After four years, he left La Vista to work for the Nebraska State Patrol. Captain Barcal returned as a La Vista Police Officer in June 1993, when he again earned a Meritorious Commendation for the apprehension of two burglary suspects in 1993; and

WHEREAS: for the past 32 years, Captain Barcal has worked his way up through the ranks of the La Vista Police Department being promoted to Police Sergeant in 2000, Police Lieutenant in 2004, and Police Captain in 2009; and

WHEREAS: Captain Barcal's scope of duties has included supervision of the Uniform Patrol Bureau, Special Enforcement Bureau, SWAT Unit, K-9 Unit, Field Training Officer Coordinator Fleet Maintenance, Emergency Vehicle Operators Course Instructor, Property & Evidence Custodian, Citizen's Police Academy Instructor and Drug Recognition Expert. Captain Barcal also formed and heads the Department Honor Guard Unit; and

WHEREAS: Captain Barcal is a respected leader and member of the La Vista Police Department, never hesitating to step up to serve in leadership roles when called upon; and

WHEREAS: Captain Barcal has served as a mentor throughout his 44-year career in law enforcement and has helped shape many officer's careers.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Mayor Douglas Kindig, and the City Council of the City of La Vista Nebraska, hereby do declare March 7, 2025 as **CAPTAIN D.J. BARCAL DAY** in the City of La Vista. We thankfully and gratefully extend our most sincere appreciation and best wishes to Captain D.J. Barcal as he enters retirement. Thank you for your outstanding service to the City of La Vista.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of La Vista to be affixed this 4th day of March 2025.



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Douglas Kindig, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rachel D. Carl, City Clerk, CMC