

P R O C L A M A T I O N

Recognizing and Honoring Fort Bragg Resident Ian Chaney for his Brave and Heroic Actions on August 27, 2011

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2011 Fort Bragg City Councilmember Jere Melo, working as a security contractor for a local timber management company, headed out into the woods with local resident Ian Chaney to document the existence of an illicit trespass grow operation on private property on the outskirts of Fort Bragg; and

WHEREAS, after forging their way through dense brush, Jere and Ian entered a recently cleared area, looked up the hill and saw logs piled into a makeshift bunker; and

WHEREAS, with no warning, 35-year-old Aaron Bassler jumped out of the bunker and fired a semi-automatic rifle at them; and

WHEREAS, Jere fell to the ground fatally wounded, while Ian managed to return fire while running for cover; and

WHEREAS, Ian raced towards the Skunk Train tracks and flagged down a maintenance car to get help for Jere; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, Ian was able to provide valuable information to local law enforcement officials that allowed them to locate Jere Melo and to identify the suspect.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dave Turner, Mayor of the City of Fort Bragg, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby recognize and honor **Ian Chaney** for his heroism during this tragic event.

SIGNED this 13th day of August, 2012.

DAVE TURNER, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cynthia M. VanWormer, CMC, City Clerk

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