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Long Beach, California

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CHARLES PARKIN  
City Attorney

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August 3, 2021

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to adopt minute order to grant an application from Mary L. Johnston for a widow's pension.

DISCUSSION

We are in receipt of an application from Mary L. Johnston for a widow's pension. Bruce F. Johnston, who died on or about the 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021, was a retired Police Lieutenant in the Long Beach Police Department, having retired from active duty on July 1, 1991. Mrs. Johnston has filed an application for a widow's pension under the provisions of Subsection (4) of Section 187 of the Charter of the City of Long Beach prior to its repeal.

We are of the opinion that Mrs. Johnston is entitled to a widow's pension. We are transmitting herewith the declaration of Mary L. Johnston and a form of minute order to be adopted by your honorable body granting Mary L. Johnston a widow's pension effective June 27, 2021.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

CHARLES PARKIN, City Attorney

By *Gary J. Anderson*  
GARY J. ANDERSON  
Principal Deputy City Attorney

GJA:  
Attachments  
A21-02131

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DECLARATION

MARY L. JOHNSTON states:

I am the widow of BRUCE F. JOHNSTON, who died on or about the 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021; that the decedent at the time of his death was a retired Police Lieutenant with the Long Beach Police Department; that the declarant and Bruce F. Johnston were married on Feb. 16, 1947, in the City of Long Beach, State of California, and that said marriage continued until the death of Mr. Johnston.

That the declarant makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining a pension under the provisions of Subsection (4) of Section 187 of the Charter of the City of Long Beach, prior to its repeal.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing statement is true and correct.

Executed on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Claudia A. Puzzo  
Attorney-in-Fact  
for Mary L. Johnston

Mary L. Johnston

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**CALIFORNIA ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGMENT Civil Code § 1189**

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is

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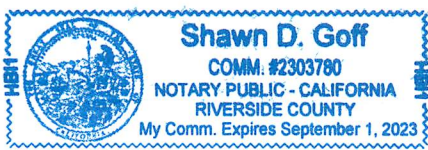
On 7/15/21, before me, Shawn D Goff, a Notary Public, personally appeared Claudia A. Rizzo who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.



Signature of Notary Public



[Place Notary Seal Above]

1 MINUTE ORDER  
2 FOR THE ADOPTION OF A WIDOW'S PENSION  
3 BY  
4 MARY L. JOHNSTON

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6 Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_ moved, second by  
7 Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_, that the communication of the City  
8 Attorney and the accompanying declaration be received and filed, and it appearing from  
9 the application for a widow's pension that, Bruce F. Johnston, who died on or about June  
10 26, 2021, was a retired Police Lieutenant in the Long Beach Police Department, having  
11 retired from active duty on July 1, 1991; that Mary L. Johnston is his widow and is entitled  
12 to be granted and to be paid during her lifetime, or until she remarries, an annual pension  
13 equal to fifty percent (50%) of the salary attached to the rank of Police Lieutenant, to  
14 become effective June 27, 2021, and that such payments shall be made from such funds as  
15 the City may be required to provide for that purpose.

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