



PROCLAMATION

presented to

**Darren Rockett**

Fire Department

"Employee of the Year 2005"

*Whereas*, Darren Rockett has had a distinguished career with the Long Beach Fire Department since 1997; and

*Whereas*, Darren has served the department as both a Firefighter and Fire Engineer stationed for the majority of his career at Fire Station 11 in North Long Beach; and

*Whereas*, Darren has served as a mentor to at-risk youth for six years and has served as one of the lead coordinators for the Long Beach Fire Department's Rescue Youth Program; and

*Whereas*, Darren has assisted with the annual Long Beach Fire Department Spark of Love Toy Drive delivering toys and goodwill to local families; and

*Whereas*, Darren has served as a volunteer for the National Christmas in April charity effort helping deserving families make emergency repairs to their homes; and

*Whereas*, Darren has served his community and neighborhood as a Deacon and mentor at his church, Antioch of Long Beach; and

*Whereas*, Darren has volunteered numerous hours to various fire department and community related projects; and

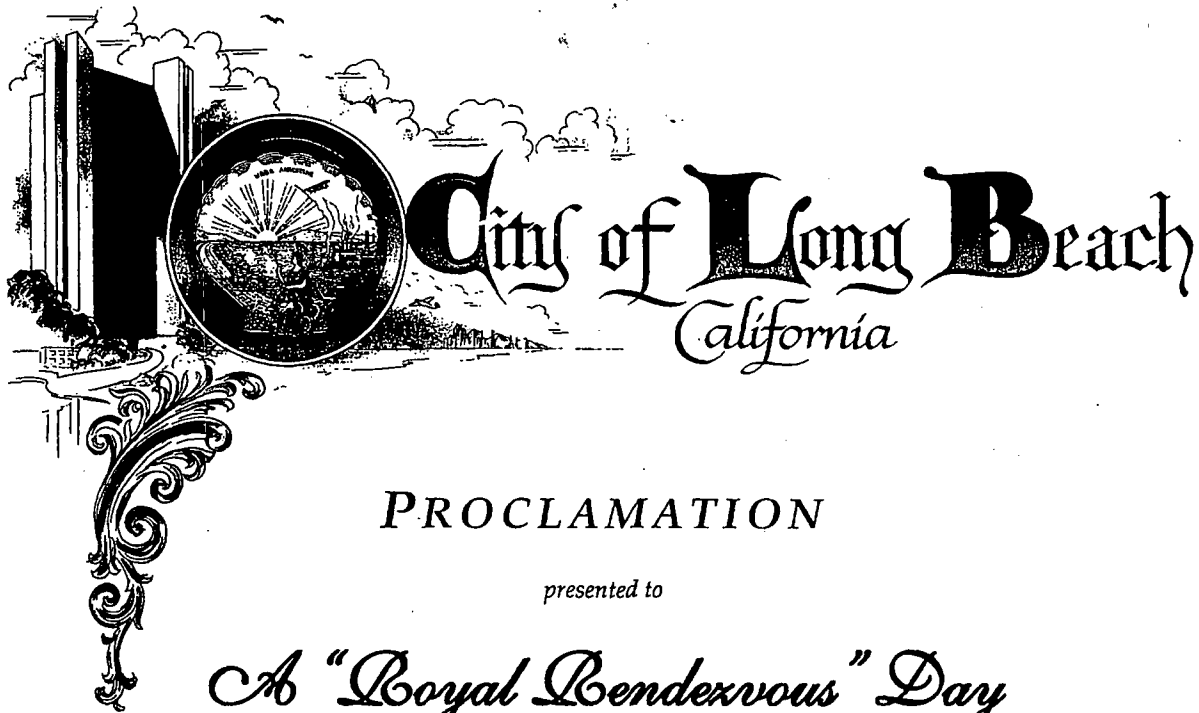
*Whereas*, Darren has performed honorably throughout his career, and Darren continues to demonstrate his passion for the community through his everyday acts of compassion, and Darren is an exemplary role model for all department members, who respects the trust the community places in the Long Beach Fire Department.

*Now, Therefore*, I, Beverly O'Neill, Mayor of the City of Long Beach, on behalf of the Long Beach City Council, do hereby take great pride in recognizing Darren Rockett as the Long Beach Fire Department's Employee of the Year for 2005 and commend him for his commitment to serve the citizens of Long Beach and his professional efforts which remind us that one person can make a difference to many.



*Beverly O'Neill*  
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 MAYOR

Dated: February 21, 2006



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### *A "Royal Rendezvous" Day*

February 22, 2006

*Whereas*, the R.M.S. Queen Mary sailed on her Maiden Voyage on May 27, 1936; and

*Whereas*, 2006 marks the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Queen Mary's Maiden Voyage; and

*Whereas*, the Queen Mary arrived in Long Beach on December 9, 1967; and

*Whereas*, the Queen Mary has become a landmark and icon for the City of Long Beach; and

*Whereas*, the Queen Mary is unique in the world as the last surviving example of the great steamships of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, the largest, fastest and most luxurious liner when she sailed her Maiden Voyage; and

*Whereas*, these two great ships will meet for the first time in a "Royal Rendezvous" in the Port of Long Beach and exchange an historic greeting bringing together these two great ocean liners representing the past and present in trans-Atlantic travel;

*Now, Therefore*, I, Beverly O'Neill, Mayor of the City of Long Beach, on behalf of the Long Beach City Council, do hereby proclaim February 22, 2006 "A Royal Rendezvous" Day in honor of the R.M.S. Queen Mary and her namesake, The Queen Mary II, as they exchange first greetings in Long Beach.



*Beverly O'Neill*  
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MAYOR

Dated: February 22, 2006