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SUBJECT: City of Brea Announces the Appointment of Adam Hawley as its next Police Chief

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BREA, CA—Brea City Manager Bill Gallardo has appointed Acting Chief of Police Adam Hawley to the permanent position of Chief of Police of the Brea Police Department, effective on May 1, 2021. Prior to his appointment, Hawley served as Investigative Division Captain of the department.

Hawley was appointed to Acting Chief of Police by City Manager Gallardo in June 2020 to fill a sudden vacancy. During his time as Acting Chief of Police, Hawley demonstrated high-level leadership skills, as well as his abilities to be an excellent communicator, decision-maker, and strategic thinker. In addition, Hawley filled the Acting Chief of Police role during a considerably stressful and tumultuous time as the entire nation was faced with civil unrest and the COVID-19 pandemic.

“I want to thank our City Manager, Bill Gallardo, and the City Council for the trust they have placed in me to assume this critical leadership role during this unprecedented time in our history,” said Hawley. “I am committed to enhancing our two most important assets, our exceptional employees and our service-centric culture, through professional development and ongoing partnership with our community. I

am excited to implement the innovative ideas developed by our talented leaders to prepare our organization for the challenges that lie ahead and best serve the needs of all Breans.”

Acting Chief of Police Hawley is a 26-year veteran of the Brea Police Department. Prior to taking on the Acting Chief of Police role, Hawley served as Captain of the Investigative Services Division overseeing Crime and Fraud Investigations, Property and Evidence, and Records. Hawley began his law enforcement career as a Cadet with the Brea Police Department in 1995. He rose steadily through the ranks of Police Officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain. Hawley served in a variety of assignments, including Field Training Officer, Detective and Professional Standards Lieutenant. Acting Chief of Police Hawley holds bachelor’s and master's degrees in criminal justice and is a graduate of California P.O.S.T Command College. He has also completed several leadership courses and has attained many P.O.S.T. Certificates. Acting Chief of Police Hawley will be pinned and officially sworn in at a later date.

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