

# CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

## IN CITY COUNCIL

September 20, 2018

### **RESOLUTION HONORING DAVID GONSALVES PETTY OFFICER FIRST CLASS (RET.) UNITED STATES NAVY FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**WHEREAS**, David Gonsalves was born and raised in New Bedford, is the son of Joseph Gonsalves, a United States Army Veteran, and Wilhelmina (Mina) Senna Gonsalves, is married to his lovely wife Quennie, the loving father of Keira, David Jr. and Yzabella and is brother to Joey, an Air Force Veteran, Kim, an Army Veteran, Larry, Marine Corps Veteran, John, Coast Guard Veteran, Danny and Laura; and

**WHEREAS**, David Gonsalves enlisted in the United States Navy in 1981 and after some years of service, became the first Cape Verdean American to serve as Crew Chief for the venerable United States Navy Blue Angels Flight Demonstration Squadron; and

**WHEREAS**, During his years of active duty service, David Gonsalves served his country overseas in Australia, Lebanon, Puerto Rico, Brazil, St. Thomas, St. Croix, Jamaica, Cuba, England, Spain, France, Egypt, Africa and Israel; and

**WHEREAS**, With great distinction, David Gonsalves served at Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia Beach with Carrier Wing VF-11 aboard the USS John F. Kennedy (CV-67), served with VF-43, served at NAS Jacksonville with HS-11 aboard the USS America (CV-66) and aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN-71), served with Naval Air Maintenance Training Group Detachment - Helicopter Instructor, served with Auxiliary Security Force Base Police, served at NAS Cecil Field Jacksonville with VFA-86, served at NAS Pensacola and at NAF El Centro with Navy Flight Demonstration Team Blue Angels, and served aboard USS Enterprise (CVN-65) with VFA-87; and

**WHEREAS**, In August 2001, after a 20-year Navy career, Petty Officer First Class David Gonsalves (AM1) retired from active duty service; and

**WHEREAS**, After completing active duty service, David Gonsalves served for 10 years in the Navy Fleet Reserves:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the New Bedford City Council hereby sincerely thanks and honors **AM1 DAVID GONSALVES (RET.), FOR HIS SACRIFICE AND COMMITMENT TO OUR NATION**, commends him for his exemplary career in the United States Navy, and thanks him for his professionalism, dedication and passion in his role as a Crew Chief in the Blue Angels; and further, **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the New Bedford City Council extends our warm and sincere wishes to **DAVID GONSALVES**, for a continued long, happy and healthy retirement.