

**CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION
2013 FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR
FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC JAMES STRATTON**

WHEREAS, the Manhattan Beach Fire Department implemented a program whereby the Department would recognize outstanding efforts of Firefighters and encourage motivation and morale by naming a "Firefighter of the Year"; and

WHEREAS, nominees must be safety employees of any rank and must have demonstrated a commitment to the mission statement of the Department, an outstanding and professional attitude and demeanor, and made a significant contribution to the Department and the community; and

WHEREAS, the distinction and honor of being named "2013 Firefighter of the Year" recently went to Firefighter/Paramedic James Stratton who has shown the professional qualities of a team player, expertise, and the ability to perform his duties at an exceptionally high level; and

WHEREAS, James' performance stands out among his peers and within the Department; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to recognize Firefighter/Paramedic James Stratton for being designated "Firefighter of the Year" and for doing such an outstanding job.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Amy Thomas Howorth, Mayor of the City of Manhattan Beach, on behalf of the City Council, citizens and residents, do hereby commend

FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC JAMES STRATTON

for his outstanding contribution to the Manhattan Beach Fire Department and to the community.

DATED this 1st day of July, 2014.



Amy Thomas Howorth, Mayor