

PROCLAMATION

IN DEDICATING AND RENAMING CITY LOCATION IN HONOR OF FORMER MAYOR MICHAEL J. WALSH

WHEREAS, our City profoundly benefited throughout 24 years of leadership and vision from Michael J. Walsh, who served as our mayor from April 1996 to April 2020; and

WHEREAS, during Walsh's tenure as mayor, the City saw new subdivisions and houses sprawl on both sides of the river, as did a litany of new businesses, including a revitalized downtown, massive corporate headquarters and manufacturing centers in De Pere's ever-growing business parks; and

WHEREAS, many more contributions came from Mayor Walsh's tenure, including thriving community events; blossoming public art and cultural opportunities such as Downtown Murals, Nicolet Alley and the planned Mulva Cultural Center; and exciting new community fixtures like the Claude Allouez Bridge, The Riverwalk, Southwest Park, the De Pere Community Center and numerous others; and

WHEREAS, there are far too many additional accomplishments and contributions stemming from his efforts to mention, but each one of them is appreciated; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure, Mayor Walsh served this prosperous time in De Pere as a noble, thoughtful example of what our community strives to be: Rooted in strong values, forward thinking, down to earth, and, perhaps most notably, genuine; and

WHEREAS, for the continued betterment of our City, Mayor Walsh worked tirelessly with employees at the City of De Pere; many different Common Councils; numerous volunteers; as well as local schools, residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, before being elected mayor in 1996, Walsh also served 14 years on the City Park Board, and thus has contributed nearly four decades of overall service to the community; and

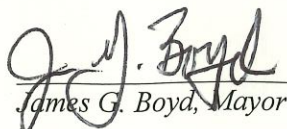
WHEREAS, we are immeasurably grateful for the efforts of Michael J. Walsh, and wish to dedicate a lasting monument to his impact on our City; and

WHEREAS, we feel the serene and beautiful rest area on James Street serves as a fitting place to remember and permanently honor Michael J. Walsh and his many contributions to De Pere;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James Boyd, Mayor of the City of De Pere, Wisconsin, on behalf of the De Pere Common Council and all De Pere citizens, congratulate and thank Michael J. Walsh for his invaluable service to our community, and hereby declare De Pere's James Street mall area officially be known to De Pere residents and visitors alike – now and forevermore – as Michael J. Walsh Plaza, with a formal dedication ceremony to be held July 14, 2021, at 11 a.m.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the City of De Pere, Wisconsin, this 15th day of June 2021.

CITY OF DE PERE, WISCONSIN


James G. Boyd, Mayor

