

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MCCLEARY'S LOSS OF JOHN "ONE EYE" ALLARDIN

Recitals

1. A little over a month ago, John Allardin's family lost John unexpectedly. It was not only a loss to his spouse Roni Sue, children Wyatt, Rebekka, Mayghan, Rhyanne and Wyndi, and his extended family, but also a major loss to those who live in and around the City of McCleary.
2. John was hired by the City of McCleary on October 1st, 1983 and continued to work up to the day we lost him. Over his 38 years, 8 months, 24 days of service, which totaled 14,147 days and included 2,021 weekends and 406 holidays, John witnessed numerous changes at the City. He served the City under 9 different Mayors, dozens of different councilmembers, and 9 different Public Works Directors. John performed countless repairs to public utilities, and was instrumental in the maintenance, replacement and improvements of the city water, sewer, storm, street, power, parks and cemetery systems. He played major roles in two community center remodels, two rebuilds of the wastewater treatment plants, rebuilds of our well fields, numerous vehicle and equipment improvements and the evolution of computers in the office. John has the remarkable distinction of being the one of the two employees of the City of McCleary to remain at the City for over 35 years, and no other employee has been with the City longer.
3. John was a quiet spoken person who enjoyed life's activities, including (many) cups of coffee, smoking cigarillo's, any type of camping, having animated self-conversations, and collecting items that struck his fancy. However, John never wavered in his desire and commitment to make McCleary and the surrounding area a better place to live. Whether it was during his ever-changing work assignments, working with his spouse, Roni Sue as volunteers at the Bear Festival or "whatever she would drag him to", or helping those who needed a helping hand after he was done with his workday, John was a great mentor and friend.
4. A lot of phrases are appropriate in describing John. He cared about those around him, whether the contact was personal or professional. It is unlikely that any of us can remember a time when he was not friendly and civil to all who came into contact with him, even if the other person was confrontational. John's caring qualities, sense of humor and generosity is what he always shared with others and is the indelible legacy that he leaves behind. John positively impacted the lives of many employees, current and past, through his hard work and dedication to his position.

5. John will be missed by the community, residents and mostly the employees of the City. Not hearing the "Hey Bud" greetings, the "You Betcha" when he was asked to do something, the nicknames he had for everyone or hearing "Damn it" when he was struggling with something will be missed. Mostly missed will be his sense of humor. He loved to "freak people out" with his one fake eye and also his quotes and sayings that he had or would print out and hang on the cork board in the office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF McCLEARY, THE MAYOR SIGNING IN AUTHENTICATION THEREOF:

SECTION I: The Mayor and Council wish to express their sorrow at the loss of John from his role in the City's employment and in the life of the City. As to his spouse, Roni Sue, children and his family, thank you for the support you provided to him. The Mayor, Council and staff want the family to know how much the City benefitted over the years from his presence and involvement. They also wish to express the Community's appreciation for all that John did which helped to make McCleary the city that it is.

SECTION II: May John become aware of the passage of this resolution while he is sitting in front of a campfire with his coffee in one hand and cigarillo in the other, reminiscing about his fun he had with his one eye.

John can be certain that he will not be forgotten by those with whom he has served.

Passed this _____ day of _____, 2022, by the City Council of the City of McCleary, and signed in authentication thereof this ____ day of _____, 2022.

CITY OF MCCLEARY:

CHRIS MILLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Ann-Marie Zuniga, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Christopher John Coker, City Attorney