## RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR WAYNE STEWART'S SERVICE TO THE MERCER ISLAND COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Mercer Island Municipal Court Judge Wayne Stewart first joined the City of Mercer Island as a Legal Intern on June 9, 1982, and was promoted to Prosecutor on October 10, 1983, upon passing the Washington State Bar Exam; and

**WHEREAS,** Judge Stewart served in various roles over the course of his distinguished career with the City, including as the City's Assistant Attorney, Civil, and Prosecuting Attorney as well as Interim Director of the Maintenance Department for a short period of time; and

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2004, the Mercer Island City Council created the Mercer Island Municipal Court per Ordinance No. 04C-01, and Judge Stewart was subsequently appointed Municipal Court Judge at its inception and has held the position for 17 years; and

WHEREAS, over the course of Judge Stewart's 17-year tenure as Mercer Island Municipal Court Judge, he also served as Municipal Court Judge for the City of Newcastle; and

WHEREAS, Judge Stewart also served as the City Attorney for Beaux Arts and Yarrow Point; and

**WHEREAS,** Judge Stewart is highly regarded in the organization, bringing both humor and kindness to his position and considered his staff team as family.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Mercer Island, on behalf of its residents, that the City Council commends Judge Wayne Stewart for his 39 years of distinguished public service to the Mercer Island community.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021 and caused the seal of the City of Mercer Island to be affixed.

	Benson Wong, Mayor
ATTEST:	
Andrea Larson, City Clerk	