

Presented by:
City Manager
Action Taken:
Yes:____
No:____
Abstain:____

CITY OF NOME, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. R-23-05-01

**A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO TOM VADEN
FOR HIS YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE
NOME VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT
AND TO THE COMMUNITY OF NOME**

WHEREAS, Tom Vaden moved to Nome in 1993 to work as a corrections officer; and,

WHEREAS, Shortly thereafter, Mr. Vaden began volunteering with the Nome Ambulance Service; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Vaden spent 25 years training EMS volunteers, health aides, and other emergency responders of the Bering Strait Region; and,

WHEREAS, over Mr. Vaden's 30 years of volunteer service to the department, he has held officer positions within the department for 28 of those years, while responding to over 5,000 ambulance calls, the most ever by a volunteer with the department; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Vaden's excellence in volunteerism has been recognized statewide through such awards as EMS Trainer of the Year, Provider of the Year, and EMS Administrator of the Year; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Vaden's volunteerism extended beyond the Ambulance Department and EMS training to service as a race official / medic for the Nome-Golovin Snowmachine race, the All Alaska Sweepstakes Centennial Anniversary Race and the Iditarod.

WHEREAS, Tom Vaden has been active in local emergency planning to the extent that he is frequently nominated for chair of local and statewide Local Emergency Planning Committees; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Vaden will retire from the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department this month; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Vaden's professionalism and wisdom will be greatly missed by the department and the local EMS community; and,

WHEREAS, the community of Nome and the greater Bering Strait Region owe Tom Vaden a debt of gratitude for his service over the decades;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Nome Common Council that we express the gratitude of the community to TOM VADEN for his decades of dedicated service to and unwavering support of the community of Nome;

APPROVED AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY this 8th day of May, 2023.

ATTEST:

JOHN K. HANDELAND, Mayor

BRYANT HAMMOND, City Clerk