

**CITY OF RICHLAND CENTER
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-05**

A RESOLUTION HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING SERVICE OF MAYOR TODD COPPERNOLL, ALDERPERSON RON FRUIT, AND ALDERPERSON TOM McCARTHY

WHEREAS, the City of Richland Center is proud to recognize individuals who have dedicated themselves to public service and the betterment of their community; and

IN HONOR OF MAYOR TODD COPPERNOLL

WHEREAS, Todd Coppernoll served as Mayor of the City of Richland Center from 2020 to 2026, leading the City through a period of growth and change with dedication, vision, and an unwavering commitment to the public good; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Coppernoll faithfully served on numerous boards and committees on behalf of the City, including the Fire Board, the Joint Ambulance Committee, the Planning Commission, and the Board of Review, contributing his time, expertise, and judgment to each body; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Coppernoll was recognized throughout the region as an exceptional public speaker who eloquently and passionately championed the City of Richland Center, highlighting its many strengths, assets, and opportunities at every occasion; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Coppernoll pursued economic development for the City with tireless energy and genuine passion, working diligently to attract investment, support local businesses, and expand opportunities for all residents; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Coppernoll's leadership, civic pride, and gracious service have left an enduring and positive mark upon the City of Richland Center and its residents;

IN HONOR OF ALDERPERSON RON FRUIT

WHEREAS, Ron Fruit served as Alderperson for District 1 of the City of Richland Center from 2023 to 2026, bringing to the Council a thoughtful voice, measured judgment, and a consistent commitment to acting in the best interests of the City and its residents; and

WHEREAS, Alderperson Fruit served diligently on numerous boards and committees, including the Public Works Committee, the Public Safety Committee, the Tourism Commission, and the Tree Board, bringing the same care and deliberateness to each role; and

WHEREAS, Alderperson Fruit also served as a greeter for City elections, warmly welcoming residents to participate in the democratic process and making the City's polling places more inviting and accessible for all; and

WHEREAS, Alderperson Fruit was widely admired by colleagues and constituents alike for his wisdom, his calm and measured approach to governance, and his steadfast advocacy for the welfare of the entire City;

IN HONOR OF ALDERPERSON TOM McCARTHY

WHEREAS, Tom McCarthy served as Alderperson for District 2 of the City of Richland Center from 2022 to 2026, providing the Common Council with quiet, steady, and principled leadership throughout his tenure; and

WHEREAS, Alderperson McCarthy served faithfully on the Personnel Committee, the Fire Board, and the Board of Review, offering his careful judgment and deliberate perspective in service of the City and its employees; and

WHEREAS, Alderperson McCarthy exemplified the very best of public service through his measured approach, his thoughtful participation, and his commitment to doing what was right for the City and the residents of District 2;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

by the Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, assembled in Annual Reorganization Meeting, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Common Council hereby expresses its profound and sincere gratitude to Mayor Todd Coppernoll for his six years of inspired and devoted service as Mayor, his exceptional

leadership, his eloquent representation of the City, and his passionate pursuit of economic prosperity for all residents of Richland Center.

SECTION 2. The Common Council hereby expresses its heartfelt appreciation to Alderperson Ron Fruit for three years of wise, thoughtful, and measured service to the residents of District 1 and the City as a whole, and for his warm hospitality and community spirit as an election greeter.

SECTION 3. The Common Council hereby expresses its deep appreciation to Alderperson Tom McCarthy for four years of discerning, principled, and steadfast service to the residents of District 2 and the entire City of Richland Center.

SECTION 4. The Common Council expresses its sincere appreciation to Mayor Todd Coppernoll, Alderperson Ron Fruit, and Alderperson Tom McCarthy for their years of dedicated public service. Each brought a distinct voice and genuine commitment to this body — and to the residents they represented. Richland Center is better for their service.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk is directed to prepare copies of this Resolution and to transmit one to each honoree as a token of the Council's esteem and the community's gratitude.

ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, on the 21st day of April, 2026.

Karin Tepley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Misty Molzof, Deputy Clerk