

Proclamation

Declaring KIT LORELIED as Tualatin's "2022 Employee of the Year"

WHEREAS, the Employee of the Year program is designed to recognize the work and actions which bring credit to the City and improve our ability to deliver excellent service to Tualatin's customers; and

WHEREAS, Kit was hired as an On-Call Librarian I in August 2008 and transferred to an On-Call Public Services Assistant in June 2009; they were hired in a part-time status in June 2010, awarded full-time status in November 2018, and promoted to Tualatin's first STEAM Librarian II in May 2021; and

WHEREAS, in October 2022, the Library's Makerspace celebrated its first highly successful year having seen over 3,500 people come in to use the space. The success of the Makerspace is thanks in large part to Kit Lorelied who oversees everything to do with the Makerspace, including programs offered, equipment that is available, and engagement with users; and

WHEREAS, in their year as STEAM Librarian, Kit has explored and learned all manner of technology, from troubleshooting 3D printers to rethreading a sewing machine, turning a corner of the Library into an explosion of engineering, science, creativity, and straight-up fun; and

WHEREAS, Kit serves Tualatin's patrons with a smile and a confidence that speaks to their extensive skills and experience. They can help a 4-year old find dinosaur books, turn around and help a senior do genealogy research, track down a warming shelter for a houseless patron, and then pivot to recommend a slate of graphic novels to an eager teen, all with a wonderful sense of humor that endears them to co-workers and patrons alike; and

WHEREAS, Kit strives in their work to support equity, both for community members and co-workers, often advocating for others to ensure they have equitable opportunity and access. Kit looks for ways to bring learning and creative opportunities to the community through outreach beyond the Library's walls; and

WHEREAS, Kit consistently demonstrates Tualatin's core values of TEAMWORK, RESPECT, having a ONE CITY mindset, EMPOWERMENT, PROBLEM SOLVING, CUSTOMER SERVICE and being NON-BUREAUCRATIC in a multitude of ways every day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUALATIN, Oregon that:

Kit Lorelied is named the "2022 City of Tualatin Employee of the Year."

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of March 2023.

CITY OF TUALATIN, OREGON

BY _____
Mayor

ATTEST:

BY _____
City Recorder