

CITY OF TWO RIVERS

Proclamation

RECOGNITION UPON RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Karen A. Elsenpeter joined the ranks of the Two Rivers Police Department on March 20th, 1993 as a Part-Time Police Officer and later advanced to the status of Full-Time Police officer on October 1, 1994; and

WHEREAS, November 1995, Karen was part of Wisconsin's first Drug Recognition Expert class and became a certified Drug Recognition Expert. Karen has continued on in her Drug Recognition Expert role as an Instructor for the past 29 years; and

WHEREAS, 1998, Karen was selected as the Police School Liaison Officer serving in the Two Rivers School District. Karen also became a DARE instructor in May of 1998; and

WHEREAS, Karen was awarded Officer of the Year on two separate occasions, once in 2000 and once in 2020 for her exceptional police work; and

WHEREAS, February 4, 2002, Karen was promoted to the rank of Patrol Lieutenant and has honorably served in that role for the past 23 years; and

WHEREAS, March 26, 2004, Karen graduated from the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command course; and

WHEREAS, decades ago, Karen became the first Equestrian Mounted Patrol team for the Two Rivers Police Department with her horse, TC. Karen and TC continued to do Mounted Patrol work for the Wisconsin Capitol Police and Wisconsin State Fair Park Police; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, Karen became a certified Therapy Dog Handler and has since worked as a team with Police K9 Daisy bringing her to numerous critical incidents, Aurora Hospitals, community facilities, city departments and events; and

WHEREAS, Karen volunteered a great deal of time to the community through her Therapy K9 Handler work, Crime Prevention, Citizen's Academy, Police Lights of Christmas, National Night Out, Concerns of Police Survivors Kids Camp, Shop with a Cop, numerous coaching opportunities, charity sports events, Police Cadets, as well as a valued Field Training Officer and mentor. Karen took great pride and dedication to being a leader and providing the best customer service for the community of Two Rivers; and

WHEREAS, Karen represented Two Rivers Police Department admirably both county and state-wide as an Instructor and member of numerous professional organizations, committees and boards and consistently provided exceptional customer service and professional law enforcement services to the citizens of Two Rivers as evidenced by plenty of thank you cards from different organizations and citizens as well as numerous commendable performance reviews by her supervisors and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Karen Elsenpeter retired November 15, 2025, after serving the City of Two Rivers 32 years with dedication and distinction; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RECOGNIZED that the City of Two Rivers hereby expresses its gratitude and appreciation for Karen A. Elsenpeter and her contributions to the Two Rivers Police Department and the community of Two Rivers; and

BE IT FURTHER RECOGNIZED that the City of Two Rivers extends its best wishes to Karen, for a long, healthy and happy retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RECOGNIZED that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to retired Police Lieutenant Karen A. Elsenpeter, in token of the City's thanks for her many years of dedicated service to the citizens of Two Rivers.

Dated this _____ day of _____, _____

Scott Stechmesser, City Council President

Kyle Kordell, City Manager

