

RESOLUTION
HONORING TWO RIVERS SENIOR CENTER ON ITS 70TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the Two Rivers Senior Center was established in 1954, originating from three distinct groups of Golden Agers: the Washington High School group, the Koenig Elementary Group, and the Community House group. For the next 14 years, Mrs. Bette Wilker led the organization, overseeing meetings that included a meal, business discussions, and planned games and activities. Participants contributed 15 cents per person to cover the cost of their meals; and

WHEREAS, the senior center’s activities evolved to include community service, crafts, social events, holiday celebrations, card games, Bingo, and business meetings, which helped establish the foundation for the Golden Agers Club and the Senior Center as we know it today; and

WHEREAS, in 1955, the center began issuing its first newsletter, a one-page report published weekly. By 1970, Marilyn Quirk was hired as the center's first employee. In 1973, the Meals on Wheels program was introduced, initially serving two clients. That same year, the Family-Style Hot Lunch program commenced, serving 55 individuals per month; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, the Two Rivers City Council created the Committee on Aging, with Marilyn Quirk appointed as Chairperson. The 50th anniversary of the Community House in 1981 was marked by the celebration of a second addition—Room 106—and various improvements to the facility; and

WHEREAS, currently, the Senior Center offers a diverse range of activities including Bingo, card games, crafts, exercise classes, TRUST car transportation, recreational travel, fundraisers, special events, and community service opportunities. Additionally, there are opportunities for involvement on the Committee on Aging or the Friends of the Two Rivers Senior Center Board; and

WHEREAS, the Senior Center publishes a monthly newsletter, with a distribution of over 1,500 copies. The Home Delivered Meal program provides 1,322 meals each month and supports an average of 138 congregate diners. Volunteers contribute significantly to the Two Rivers community, dedicating approximately 10,946 hours annually; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Two Rivers hereby salutes the Two Rivers Senior Center for the services, fun, fellowship and volunteer opportunities it has provided for the past 70 years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council affirms its commitment to continued support for the Senior Center, in partnership with the Committee on Aging, Friends of the Senior Center and the various community groups that support the activities of this valued Two Rivers institution, enhancing the quality of life for seniors in the Two Rivers community.

Adopted this 5th day of August, 2024.

Council Member

Gregory E. Buckley
City Manager