



Proclamation Honoring Constance “Connie” Marie Locke

WHEREAS, Constance “Connie” Marie Locke was born and raised in the City of Two Rivers, one of six children, and a proud graduate of Washington High School, Class of 1976; and

WHEREAS, from an early age, Connie demonstrated a strong sense of responsibility and family, stepping in to help raise her younger siblings when needed, reflecting the values of loyalty, resilience, and care that would define her life; and

WHEREAS, Connie married her husband, Dean Ferry, on September 15, 1979, building a lasting partnership rooted in love, humor, and shared experiences, from snowmobiling adventures in Crivitz to sunny trips to Mexico and Florida; and

WHEREAS, Connie devoted decades of her life to serving the Two Rivers community through her work at Phil Rohrer’s Lunch, beginning in 1974, where she became a familiar and welcoming presence to generations of residents; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, Connie took ownership of the diner, continuing its legacy as a beloved local institution when she reopened in February 2012, serving not just meals, but memories, friendships, and a true sense of community until its closing on October 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, known for her strong work ethic and unmistakable personality, often described as stubborn, hardworking, sarcastic, loyal, and giving, Connie leaves behind a legacy defined by perseverance, including overcoming numerous health challenges with strength and determination; and

WHEREAS, Connie’s life has been filled with simple joys and lasting traditions, from collecting marbles in her youth, to enjoying music by Elvis Presley and the Oldies, to her well-known love of McDonald’s Diet Coke, chocolate, pizza, and time spent with her beloved dogs; and

WHEREAS, as Connie enters a well-earned retirement, she looks forward to enjoying life’s next chapter, including biking through Point Beach State Forest, traveling to visit family, embarking on a future Alaskan cruise, and exploring the iconic Route 66;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Shannon Derby, Council Vice President of the City of Two Rivers, Wisconsin, do hereby recognize and honor Connie Locke for her lifelong contributions to the Two Rivers community, her unwavering dedication to hard work and family, and her role in shaping the character and spirit of our City.

Presented this 3rd day of May, 2026.

Shannon Derby, City Council Vice President

Kyle Kordell, City Manager