



PROCLAMATION HONORING JEFF DAWSON UPON 19 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE CITY OF TWO RIVERS LESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

WHEREAS, Jeff Dawson joined the Lester Public Library on, March 12, 2007 as the Director; and

WHEREAS, during nearly two decades of dedicated leadership, guided the Lester Public Library through a period of thoughtful growth, innovation, and lasting community impact; and

WHEREAS, as registered agent of the Lester Public Library Foundation, Jeff helped grow gifts and endowments to more than \$1.6 million, providing lasting support for library programs, collections, services, and emerging technologies; and

WHEREAS, under Jeff's leadership, the library expanded accessibility and enhanced the visitor experience through improvements including self-check stations, a drive-through service window, updated lighting, improved power access, and other building enhancements, while also ensuring the preservation and maintenance of essential infrastructure—all with no expense to tax payers; and

WHEREAS, through his innovative use of Flickr, Jeff created a widely recognized photographic archive documenting the life of the library and the community, an archive now exceeding 12.2 million views and serving as a living history of the people, events, and shared experiences of Two Rivers; and

WHEREAS, Jeff represented both the library and the City of Two Rivers at the state level, including leading the Resource Library Group during Wisconsin's Public Library System Redesign Project from 2015 through 2018, and presenting at national and international conferences on innovative library services and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, Jeff fostered a culture of creativity, collaboration, and professional growth among library staff, encouraging innovation and new ideas in service to the community; and

WHEREAS Jeff retires on August 7, 2026, after serving the City of Two Rivers with dedication for 19 years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Two Rivers hereby expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation to Jeff Dawson for his outstanding leadership, dedication, and many contributions to the Lester Public Library and the community of Two Rivers; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Jeff Dawson, as a token of the City's thanks for his many years of devoted service to the citizens of Two Rivers.

Dated this 15th day of June, 2026

Kyle Kordell
City Manager