

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Dean Walz served the City of Olympia for 41 years beginning June 1977 to June 2018; and

WHEREAS, Dean successfully balanced the City's budget starting with a budget of \$10.5 million in 1977 to over \$150 million in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Dean helped establish the Council-Manager form of government in Olympia in 1982; and

WHEREAS, Dean transitioned the City from hand-written ledgers to computerized accounting; and

WHEREAS, Dean significantly improved the budgeting process and was instrumental to the City receiving the Government Finance Officers' Distinguished Budget Award for 33 consecutive years, the most of any City in the State of Washington, as well as 27 Certificates of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Comprehensive Financial Annual Report; and

WHEREAS, Dean was a key participant in setting up the Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA) ensuring Olympia was one of the nine original cities and served on the board for many years; and

WHEREAS, Dean was recognized by the Washington Finance Officers Association as a Certified Financial Officer for over 35 years and served as their President in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Dean changed the City's flat-rate postcard for three utilities (water, sewer and garbage) to a full consumption-based billing system for seven utilities; and

WHEREAS, Dean helped expand the City's original sewer system to what became LOTT and then later the LOTT Alliance; and

WHEREAS, Dean dedicated his career to improving financial excellence and accountability for the City of Olympia; and

Whereas, Dean's outstanding, homemade holiday sweets platter, including his signature caramels, raised an impressive amount of money over the years for the Adopt-a-Family program; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Olympia City Council does hereby honor Dean Walz for his years of service to the citizens of the City of Olympia and wish him well in his forthcoming adventures.

SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 26th DAY OF JUNE, 2018.

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

*Cheryl Selby
Mayor*