RESOLUTION NO. 2019-07

A Resolution Honoring Senior Center Director Carol LaFontaine

WHEREAS, Carol LaFontaine has completed thirty-two and one-half years of employment with the City of Cedarburg as the Senior Center Director; and

WHEREAS, during her thirty-two years, Carol LaFontaine has conscientiously and capably served the City of Cedarburg and its citizens and has been dedicated to the highest principles of community service; and

WHEREAS, Carol LaFontaine has served under four City Administrators during her tenure, and in the absence of the Director of Parks and Recreation, she very capably served as Acting Director for three months; and

WHEREAS, Carol LaFontaine was instrumental in the completion of significant projects including the volunteer van driver program, establishing the Director position, developing a procedure for calculating Senior Center volunteer hours, implementing emergency medical cards for participants, implementing a Safe Driving program for the Senior Center van drivers, increasing attendance for the lunch program, installing a chair lift and an elevator, working alongside former Mayor Fred Beyer for many years and finally coordinating the Annual Turkey Dinner for Seniors, and continually developing new programs to continue to reflect the needs and interests of Cedarburg's older adults; and

WHEREAS, Carol LaFontaine demonstrated outstanding leadership by working with community groups and area agencies on aging to co-sponsor the Ozaukee County Senior conference and games, planning tours in conjunction with other centers, developing a cost-saving approach to budget management by obtaining financial and program sponsorships, and displaying an exceptional talent for providing enriching activities and a vibrant center for older adults; and

WHEREAS Carol LaFontaine has promoted the Senior Center Director's role in government by serving as alternate delegate and district delegate, serving on numerous conference committees, chairing the Wisconsin Association of Senior Centers (WASC) Fall Conference and the WASC Essay contest. During her tenure she received the following awards: Professional Excellence Award and 30 year Service Award from the Wisconsin Association of Senior Centers, Ordinary People Extraordinary Citizens Award from Partnership Bank and the Silver Star Award from the Wisconsin Parks and Recreation Association. Carol also was designated a Certified Park & Recreation Professional by the National Recreation & Park Association; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cedarburg, as well as Carol's co-workers and peers have greatly benefited from her professional skills, courteous and positive attitude, and sense of community during her years of service to the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Cedarburg hereby joins the citizens of the City and her colleagues in expressing their sincere appreciation to Carol LaFontaine for contributions to the City of Cedarburg Senior Center and extend their best wishes to her for a well-deserved and enjoyable retirement.

Passed and adopted this 13th day of May 2019.

Michael J. O'Keefe, Mayor

Attest:/

Constance K. McHugh, City Clerk