

**CITY OF WEST ALLIS
RESOLUTION R-2021-0362**

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR DENISE KOENIG

WHEREAS, Denise Koenig will retire from her position with the City of West Allis effective June 11, 2021 after 29.5 years of service to the City of West Allis; and

WHEREAS, during her career, Denise served the citizens of West Allis as the Coordinator of Senior Center Services, the full-time Volunteer Coordinator; and part-time Volunteer Coordinator; and Director of the West Allis Senior Center, which offers services to over 400 members, most of which are considered low income; and

WHEREAS, before serving the City of West Allis, Denise earned a Bachelor's degree in Public Relations; and

WHEREAS, Denise worked closely with the West Allis Health Department on Community Needs Assessments and Community Health Plans so that the needs of the seniors in the community were identified and addressed; and

WHEREAS, Denise led the Commission on Aging in strategic planning processes to develop and implement plans to meet the needs of the seniors and the West Allis Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, Denise assured that West Allis seniors had dozens of concurrent programs, including a popular meal program, exercise and educational classes, social activities and to promote community engagement from West Allis' seniors; and

WHEREAS, Denise actively pursued funding and coordinated fundraising events to provide physical improvements at the Senior Center, including converting the woodshop to fitness facilities, remodeling the lobby, remodeling the main hall, adding a computer lab, and in 2019, adding a fiber arts room. This fundraising also offset participation costs for seniors to attend classes and events; and

WHEREAS, Denise recruited and supported a large corps of volunteers, including her family, that provided event assistance, classes, support services, City Newsletter collation, all of which offset costs to the City of West Allis. In 2019-2020, nearly 100 volunteers contributed 10,872 service hours valued at \$276,482.94; and

WHEREAS, Denise coordinated a curbside meal program to continue to feed Senior Center Members and created a Social Connection Program to address gaps created by the COVID pandemic; and

WHEREAS, in every role, Denise has had at the West Allis Senior Center, she has served with honesty, integrity, caring, and a deep commitment to the welfare of West Allis' older residents; and

WHEREAS, Denise has dedicated her career to the citizens of West Allis and their wellbeing and in doing so has made it a better place for some of the community's most vulnerable residents.

NOW THEREFORE, bBE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of West Allis that Denise Koenig, Director of the West Allis Senior Center, be and is hereby specially commended for her dedication and service to the citizens of West Allis and congratulates her for a job well done.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council hereby extends to Denise Koenig its best wishes to her and her family for a long, prosperous, and healthy retirement.

SECTION 1: **ADOPTION** "R-2021-0362" of the City Of West Allis Municipal Resolutions is hereby *added* as follows:

A D O P T I O N

R-2021-0362(*Added*)

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF WEST ALLIS COUNCIL

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Ald. Angelito Tenorio	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Vince Vitale	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Tracy Stefanski	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Marty Weigel	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Suzzette Grisham	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Danna Kuehn	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Thomas Lajsic	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Dan Roadt	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Rosalie Reinke	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Kevin Haass	_____	_____	_____	_____

Attest

Presiding Officer

Rebecca Grill, City Clerk, City Of
West Allis

Dan Devine, Mayor City Of West
Allis