

**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,** BE 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:

ADOPTION

R-2021-0362(*Added*)

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF WEST ALLIS COUNCIL JUNE 15, 2021.

	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Ald. Angelito Tenorio	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>  X  </u>
Ald. Vince Vitale	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Ald. Tracy Stefanski	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Ald. Marty Weigel	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Ald. Suzzette Grisham	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Ald. Danna Kuehn	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Ald. Thomas Lajsic	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Ald. Dan Roadt	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Ald. Rosalie Reinke	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Ald. Kevin Haass	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

Attest

Presiding Officer



Rebecca Grill, City Clerk, City Of  
West Allis



Dan Devine, Mayor City Of West Allis

