

CITY OF CARNATION



OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Ken Carter first came to Carnation as Interim City Manager in November 2009, and stepped in to bridge the gap between the departure of the former City Manager until a replacement was found; and

Whereas, though the Council's expectation of Interim City Manager Carter was to simply keep things running smoothly and maintain the "status quo", he jumped into the position, assessed the areas that needed help and correction, took the situation in hand and quickly brought Carnation into a new era; and

Whereas, Ken's exemplary performance as Interim City Manager earned him the permanent position as City Manager in May 2010; and

Whereas, City Manager Ken Carter always provided expert guidance to the Council on how best to deal with difficult issues, offering thoughtful advice and making sure that Council made decisions based on all the facts; and

Whereas, Ken created partnerships with other agencies and community groups that will continue to benefit Carnation for years to come; and

Whereas, Ken was supportive of staff, offering his knowledge and advice with difficult or challenging tasks; and

Whereas, Ken believed deeply in honesty and frankness, and treated everybody he met with sincere respect; and

Whereas, Ken was always open to hearing new ideas, listening patiently and giving consideration to every viewpoint expressed to him; and

Whereas, Ken was eternally optimistic, always pushing to achieve the City's goals and never giving up, even in the face of seemingly insurmountable obstacles; and

Whereas, Ken was selfless, caring only about helping others and accomplishing good, regardless of who received the credit; and

Whereas, Ken genuinely cared for the citizens of Carnation and always made himself available, demonstrating uncommon stewardship of our community; and

Whereas, Ken seemed to be able to see the invisible and do the impossible, having the ability to transform visions into reality; and

Whereas, Ken never failed to do the very best to his knowledge and ability, and did so until the end;

Now, Therefore, we, the City Council of the City of Carnation, King County, Washington, hereby recognize and express appreciation for former City Manager Ken Carter for these and his many other accomplishments which have benefited Carnation, and proclaim his service as Carnation City Manager to have been "*Finer Than Frog Hair*".

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Carnation, King County, Washington, this 21st day of April, 2015.

Three handwritten signatures in blue ink are visible at the bottom of the page. The first signature on the left is "Fred Beresnevich". The middle signature is "Kulska". The signature on the right is "Jim Berger", with the name "Jim Berger, Mayor" printed below it.