



**CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON**  
**Ozaukee County, Wisconsin**

**PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING HARBOUR LIGHTS AS MAIN STREET "BEST NEW BUILDING"**

**WHEREAS**, in any community, certain individuals and entities merit special consideration and cause for celebration due to their commitment to, investment in, and partnership with that community, and;

**WHEREAS**, at the 26th Annual "Wisconsin Main Street Awards" ceremony hosted by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> in Wisconsin Rapids, Port Washington's own Renew Port Holdings/Harbour Lights was awarded top honors in the "Best New Building" category, capturing the title from submissions from the 34 designated "Main Street" communities and 66 "Connect Communities" part of the Wisconsin Main Street Program, and;

**WHEREAS**, in garnering this very special recognition from the Wisconsin Main Street Program, Renew Port Holdings and its CEO, Gertjan van den Broek, were lauded for outstanding downtown revitalization and improvement efforts, and with specific regard to the Harbour Lights development, celebrated for a building that exhibits supreme design quality, an appropriate relationship to surrounding architecture, and overall positive impact upon the downtown of our community; and

**WHEREAS** Harbour Lights, a mixed-use development, has been an exciting economic success story for Renew Port Holdings, its leadership, and our City as a whole, with residential units near full-utilization and ground level commercial being targeted for a green grocer and restaurant, retail enhancements suggested by the Port Washington Main Street Economic Revitalization Committee studies; and

**WHEREAS** Harbour Lights is the first of several projects supporting Port Washington's and Main Street's vision for vital downtown residential and has sparked additional residential and commercial development initiatives in the downtown, harborfront, and lakerfront areas; and

**WHEREAS**, in accepting these accolades on behalf of our larger community, Renew Port Holdings and Gertjan van den Broek brought great acclaim to our Port Washington Main Street Program and our City of Port Washington residents, business partners, staff, and elected officials, with Mark Hogan, Secretary and CEO of WEDC proclaiming: "A vibrant downtown is critical to a community's overall economic development as well as the quality of life for its residents, and we commend Port Washington for being among the best in the state when it comes to strengthening its downtown."

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Common Council of our great City of Port Washington proudly extend our heartfelt congratulations and sincere gratitude to

***Renew Port Holdings LLC and Gertjan van den Broek***

both for the well-deserved honor of this Wisconsin Main Street Program "Best New Building Award" and for the commitment to, investment in, and partnership with "Our Home Port" it represents.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Port Washington to be affixed, on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year 2017.

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Tom Mlada, Mayor