



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

A PROCLAMATION HONORING RICK SMITH AND LINDA NENN

WHEREAS, since its founding in 1991, the Port Washington Historical Society has played a profound and essential role in our community, celebrating the special maritime heritage of our City of Port Washington and connecting that unique history to present-day city residents; and

WHEREAS, as part of its mission to preserve the inspiring stories of our community, its people and its rich history, the Historical Society has restored three significant historical buildings: (1) an 1860 lighthouse, depicting the life of a light keeper who guided seafarers; (2) an 1852 commercial building, serving as its archive center and primary office; and (3) a 1907 commercial building, used now as a local history interactive museum; and

WHEREAS, volunteer members of the Historical Society serve passionately and enthusiastically in maintaining and showcasing these three significant historical buildings, ensuring they are open and accessible to the public, and additionally function to provide engaging oral history recordings, walking tours and historic markers that convey meaningful glimpses into our area's fascinating past; and

WHEREAS, Rick Smith and Linda Nenn are two such extraordinary examples of Historical Society volunteer members, who through their sustained commitment and limitless generosity had a remarkable and lasting impact on organizational efforts to advance its vital mission; and

WHEREAS, Rick and Linda have been leaders of the 1860 lighthouse restoration, from the planning in the late 1990s to the dedication in 2002 and subsequent placement on the National Register of Historic Places, together volunteering thousands of hours for the repair, improvement, and maintenance of this beloved city icon; and

WHEREAS, beyond their difference-making gifts of time and talent, Rick and Linda both gave of their treasure as well, contributing many of their own artifacts to the museum on the Light Station grounds, and also served in a leadership capacity, both as co-Directors of the Light Station and members of the Historical Society Board; and

WHEREAS, with gratitude for their tireless efforts on behalf of the 1860 Light Station restoration as an historical treasure, and their many years of service and generosity, the Historical Society celebrated Rick and Linda at its recent meeting and presented them with a plaque that will hang in their honor at the Light Station.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Marty Becker, Mayor of the City of Port Washington, do hereby extend the heartfelt appreciation of the people of our City of Port Washington to

Rick Smith and Linda Nenn

In recognition of this extraordinary milestone in their very admirable and dignified community service, and I call upon our citizens of Port Washington to honor and celebrate them for the immeasurable impact they have had on the success of the Historical Society and the lives of all city residents over the past three decades.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Port Washington to be affixed, on this 18th day of December in the Year 2018.

Martin T. Becker, Mayor