



**Your Home Port**

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

***A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE USS MILWAUKEE***

**WHEREAS**, the USS Milwaukee (LCS 5), will be officially Commissioned in her namesake City of Milwaukee on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, in her voyage to the City of Milwaukee for her Commissioning, the USS Milwaukee, Commander Kendall Bridgewater, and Crew incorporated a close pass by our City of Port Washington, proud home of the Stars & Stripes Honor Flight Program, acknowledging hundreds of our City and County residents positioned on our north breakwater lighthouse and on Coal Dock Park and paying special tribute to our Veteran-Heroes; and

**WHEREAS**, the USS Milwaukee is the first commissioning of a U.S. Navy warship in the Great Lakes since 2008 and will carry our State of Wisconsin's patriotism worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, the Freedom-Class Littoral Combat Ship was built by Marinette Marine Corporation, instilling in all Wisconsinites a great sense of pride in a ship built, launched, christened, and commissioned in the state of the city for which she is named; and

**WHEREAS**, the USS Milwaukee exemplifies the U.S. Navy goal of a small, fast, highly maneuverable and relatively inexpensive new-generation warship able to operate in the littoral zone, close to shore; and

**WHEREAS**, the USS Milwaukee will carry out future naval maritime strategy and defend our nation as the fastest and most versatile combatant ship in the U.S. Navy fleet, with top speed of 45 knots; and

**WHEREAS**, the USS Milwaukee represents one of most technologically-advanced vessels sailing the oceans of the globe, designed with multi-mission capabilities in mind, allowing for a variety of roles including anti-submarine and anti-surface warfare, mine countermeasure, surveillance and reconnaissance, homeland defense and maritime intercept, special operations and logistics.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Tom Mlada, Mayor of the City of Port Washington, in appreciation for the extraordinary men and women who comprise the Crew of the USS Milwaukee and will sail her throughout global waters in defense of our nation and our freedom, do hereby extend the heartfelt gratitude of our community for their exemplary service and offer our very best wishes for safe journey.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Port Washington to be affixed, on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November in the Year 2015.

Tom Mlada, Mayor