RESOLUTION NO. 2019-17

A Resolution Honoring City Administrator/Treasurer Christy Mertes

WHEREAS, Christy Mertes has served the City of Cedarburg as City Administrator with dedication and distinction from 2007-2019, earning her the great respect of citizens, elected officials and city staff; and

WHEREAS, during these thirteen years, Christy Mertes has conscientiously and capably served under three Mayors and twenty-six Council Members while working for the betterment of Cedarburg's economic, cultural and aesthetic development; and

WHEREAS, Christy Mertes was influential in construction of a new Library and sale of former Library building; development of three Tax Incremental Districts and dissolving TID No. 2; eight annexations; multiple new subdivisions; expansion of the Cedar Creek Walkway; engaging in discussions with neighboring communities regarding shared services; adopting Electronic Communication, City-wide Energy Management, and EAP policies; Personnel Manual revisions due to Act 10; selecting new health insurance providers; selecting a telephone replacement system; selecting a City Attorney; constructing a new Public Works facility; constructing a regional lift station; rezoning and Land Use Plan amendment for the Arabelle Apartment development; adopting the Comprehensive Park and Open Space Plan; establishing regulation of Mobile Vendors & Mobile Food Establishments; constructing a monopole and negotiating tenant contracts; authorizing the City to enter into a Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) System; adopting the City of Cedarburg Smart Growth Comprehensive Land Use Plan – 2025; establishing ward numbering and boundary redistricting associated with the 2010 Census; settlement of labor contracts; filling several department head vacancies; awarding banking services contracts; and

WHEREAS, Christy Mertes demonstrated integrity, courtesy and professionalism while developing positive inter-municipal relationships, and serving as Regional Coordinator for the Wisconsin City/County Manager Association, on the Board of the Mid-Moraine Municipal Court System, and the Board of the Local Government Property Insurance Fund's Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Christy Mertes was an advocate of sound fiscal management and created exemplary annual budgets for which the City received the prestigious Government Finance Officers Association Award which reflects her ongoing commitment to operate an effective and efficient city government dedicated to providing quality services at an affordable cost; and

WHEREAS, Christy Mertes was instrumental in demonstrating excellence in compliance with recommended risk management and loss control and operational best practices as set forth by CVMIC for which the City received the CVMIC Award of Excellence and Improvement; and

WHEREAS, the services of Christy Mertes have been a positive influence for the growth and progress of this community, earning her the respect of the elected officials, citizens and city staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Cedarburg hereby joins the citizens of the City of Cedarburg and city staff in publicly honoring, commending and expressing their sincere appreciation to Christy Mertes for her admirable leadership and her many contributions to the cause of representative local government, and extending to her their best wishes in her new position as Finance Director/Treasurer.

Passed and adopted this 9th day of December 2019.

M. O'Michael J. O'Keefe, Mayor

Attest:

Claire Woodall-Vogg, City Clerk