## Port of Port Angeles

Port Angeles, Washington

23-1276

## Commissioner's Resolution No.

A RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF MS. KAREN GOSCHEN'S SERVICE TO THE PORT OF PORT ANGELES

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Karen Goschen has served the Port of Port Angeles since August 30, 2012 and retires as the Director of Projects on April 5, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Karen has devoted eleven years of her life to service at the Port, making her a keystone for the Port's operations and many of its successes during her tenure; and

WHEREAS, Karen began her career in 2012 as the Director of Finance and within two years also included the role of Deputy Executive Director. In January of 2016 she was promoted to Interim Executive Director which led her to fully assume the role of Executive Director seven months later. In July of 2021, due to personal reasons she stepped down from her Executive Director position and assumed the role of Director of Projects; and

WHEREAS, Karen has served the Port for more than a decade as a pillar of consistency, dependability, dedication and levity to guide Port Staff on its operations, strategic investments and environmental stewardship. Both a tactical and strategic thinker, she carefully balanced risks, maintained a long-term vision and made significant advancements across all the Port's business lines; and

WHEREAS, Karen has been an exemplary leader, providing sage advice and mentorship to Staff. Digesting Staff input, she provided sound recommendations and updates to the Port Commission to ensure the highest level of standards were maintained and business opportunities explored; and

WHEREAS, Karen's inclusive personality, generosity and ability to connect personally with Port Commissioners, leadership within the community, customers and her Staff will be greatly missed; and

WHEREAS, Karen has earned the utmost respect throughout the Port Community by her stalwart leadership on environmental stewardship in her efforts on the Western Port Angeles Harbor cleanup, K-Ply Site cleanup, Marine Trades Area monitoring, Log Yard stormwater treatment and Terminals 5, 6 and 7 source control investigation resulting from more than 100 years of heavy industrial operations along the Port Angeles harbor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Port Commission and Staff, without question, recognize Karen's value to the Port and the community as a proven leader, dependable coworker, caring person and most importantly as an exceptional loyal friend.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners of the Port of Port Angeles take this opportunity to personally thank Karen for her more than 10 years of committed service on behalf of the citizens of the Port District and express their sincerest wishes for her continued good health and pursuits of her retirement to include more world travels.

ADOPTED proudly this 4th day of April 2023.

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