## BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

## **RESOLUTION 2019-03**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT, KITSAP COUNTY, WASHINGTON, IN HONOR OF LEE CROSS, PARK BOARD COMMISSIONER.

WHEREAS, Lee Cross served for over eleven years as a Park Commissioner of the Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park & Recreation District from January 1, 2008 through March 7, 2019; and

WHEREAS, in her capacity as Commissioner, and through her committed and gracious demeanor, she contributed significantly to the make-up of the Park Board working closely with her fellow Commissioners in a manner that promoted collaboration and fair mindedness; and

WHEREAS, in the performance of her duties as Commissioner, she served the community with tireless dedication, demonstrating a capacity to listen, consider all points of view, and respond to concerns with courtesy and respect; and

WHEREAS, she showed genuine interest and curiosity in the many issues facing the Park District, and worked to stay aware and informed through her research and many community connections; and

WHEREAS, she was particularly instrumental in her work over the years as a board liaison to: 1) Non-profit groups such as the Bainbridge Island Land Trust, Bainbridge Island Parks Foundation, and Bainbridge Island Senior Center; 2) Public agency endeavors such as the City of Bainbridge Island Shoreline Master Plan; and 3) Park District advisory committees such as the Parkland Acquisition Committee and Trails Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Park District benefited from the many years Lee Cross served on the City of Bainbridge Island Open Space Commission prior to her election to the Park Board, bringing with her a background of island properties and a wealth of knowledge in land negotiation; and

WHEREAS, during her time as Park Commissioner, Lee Cross played a vital role in countless parkland and trail easement acquisitions such as Hidden Cove Park, the Hilltop properties, the Gazzam Peters and Close properties, the West Gazzam properties, the Forest to Sky Trail, Sakai Park, and the transfer of Fort Ward and Fay Bainbridge State Parks; and

WHEREAS, Lee Cross endeared herself to Park District employees through her on-going support of them, her high regard for their work, and her willingness to participate in all kinds of activities such as wearing the bunny costume during spring egg hunts,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park & Recreation District, Kitsap County, Washington, that Lee Cross be commended and acknowledged with appreciation and gratitude for her outstanding service to the citizens of Bainbridge Island and her dedication to its Park District.

**PASSED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park & Recreation District, Kitsap County, WA, at a regular meeting thereof held this 18th day of April, 2019, the undersigned commissioners being present.

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