



**CITY OF HARRISONBURG
CITY COUNCIL**

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**PROCLAMATION HONORING
RODNEY L. EAGLE
FOR SERVICE AS COUNCIL MEMBER AND MAYOR
CITY OF HARRISONBURG**

WHEREAS, Rodney L. Eagle served on the City Council from 1996 through 2000 and again from 2004 through 2006; he served as Mayor three times during his City Council tenure; and

WHEREAS, Rodney served the community on numerous City of Harrisonburg boards and commissions, including the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission, the Planning Commission, and the Board of Equalization; He volunteered at the Municipal Building for several years following his time on the City Council, proudly greeting citizens and welcoming newcomers to the City; and

WHEREAS, Rodney began his entrepreneurial career in Harrisonburg in the egg and produce business, later opening and operating Eagle Carpet in Harrisonburg; and

WHEREAS, Rodney was a successful business developer and realtor, and was a proud co-owner of the Local Chop & Grill House and the former Joshua Wilton House; and

WHEREAS, Rodney recognized and supported the mission of Open Doors (formerly HARTS), The Community Place, People Helping People, the Boys and Girls Club, the Harrisonburg Elks Club, the Eureka Masonic Lodge, the Harrisonburg Lion's Club, the VFW, and other civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, Rodney loved the City of Harrisonburg, frequently visiting its fine dining establishments for many years; and was a proud patron on the Friendly City Food Co-op, the Massanutten Regional Library, and the Arts Council of the Valley; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Rodney Eagle enjoyed the many celebrations and ribbon cutting ceremonies associated with the City, including the Veteran's parade, the Christmas parade, Fund Fest, and New Year's First Night, often participating on his turquoise Harley Davidson motorcycle; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Rodney Eagle was a proud supporter and advocate for the Harrisonburg Police Department and Harrisonburg Fire Department, and was a founding member of Harrisonburg-Rockingham Crimesolvers; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Rodney Eagle respected and valued the citizens of Harrisonburg, promptly returning their phone calls and emails to personally address their questions and concerns; He recognized the importance of planned, careful development in the City of Harrisonburg and consistently supported its growth and diversity; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Rodney Eagle was instrumental in bringing Heritage Oaks, Harrisonburg's first municipal golf course, to fruition; and

WHEREAS, Rodney was a valued colleague and friend to citizens, elected officials, and City staff, whom he continued to visit long after his council terms ended; and

WHEREAS, Rodney was an avid James Madison University fan who steadfastly supported the university and its students. He was a product of the Harrisonburg City School system, attending Waterman Elementary School and graduating from Harrisonburg High School; and
and

WHEREAS, Rodney honorably served our country in the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Rodney's dedication, professionalism, and enthusiasm will be greatly missed by City employees, elected officials, and the citizens he served;



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Harrisonburg City Council take great pride in recognizing and honoring the achievements and service of Rodney Eagle, extending sincere gratitude to him and his family for his dedication and contributions to the City of Harrisonburg.

GIVEN under my hand this 22 day of September, 2026.

BY: Deanna R. Reed
Deanna R. Reed, Mayor

ATTEST: Pamela Ulmer
Pamela Ulmer, City Clerk