

## **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS the Christmas Ships Parade is a 69-year-old tradition; and

WHEREAS the Christmas Ships will sail to destinations on the Columbia and Willamette Rivers between December 1st and December 17th, 2023; and

WHEREAS the Christmas Ships will sail to Milwaukie Bay on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023; and

WHEREAS the City of Milwaukie has planned a Solstice Celebration in Milwaukie Bay Park on the evening of December 16<sup>th</sup> to observe the Christmas Ships as a community; and

WHEREAS the City of Milwaukie wishes to thank the Christmas Ships for bringing their annual floating parades to and through Milwaukie Bay.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Desi Nicodemus, Council President of the City of Milwaukie, a municipal corporation in the County of Clackamas, in the State of Oregon, do hereby proclaim December 1st through December 17th, 2023, as CHRISTMAS SHIPS DAYS in Milwaukie, and hereby extends the city's warmest wishes for a successful parade season!

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** and with the consent of the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, I have hereunto set my hand on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023.

Desi Nicodemus

Desi Nicodemus, Council President

ATTEST:

Scott S. Stauffer, City Recorder

Ships

Personal Tradition

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