

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE SERVICE OF JENNIFER
KOCHMAN

WHEREAS, the members of the South Burlington City Council are mourning the sudden passing of our beloved neighbor and friend, Jennifer Kochman;

WHEREAS, we have lost one of our very best, a tireless advocate working to improve the quality of life of our residents with a deep love and devotion to this community;

WHEREAS, remembering the beauty, culture, and shared value of community engagement she observed during her childhood years, Jennifer moved from the mid-west and made Vermont her home from 1969 and South Burlington from 1987 until her passing;

WHEREAS, during her career, Jennifer ran a statewide newspaper, a radio news show, tutored at the Lund Home, and was the Director of Public Relations at Howard Mental Health;

WHEREAS, Jennifer was an inspired and involved member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Burlington;

WHEREAS, Jennifer was committed to giving back to her community and served in various capacities as Chair or Vice-Chair on the Mount Mansfield Union School Board for 13 years, Chittenden East School Board for 12 years, Vermont Women's Health Center Board for 3 years, South Burlington Recreation and Parks Committee for 12 years, South Burlington Public Art Selection Committee for 5 years, Wheeler Conservation Easement Task Force, and the South Burlington Library Board of Trustees for 3 years;

WHEREAS, Jennifer was recently celebrated by Planned Parenthood of New England as an "Everyday Champion" for her work with the Vermont Women's Health Center in the 1970s, creating one of the country's first free-standing women's reproductive health clinics;

WHEREAS, Jennifer has worked with the South Burlington Police Department and other community stakeholders to better support victims of domestic violence and by giving a voice to survivors by courageously sharing her story;

WHEREAS, with a team of community leaders, Jennifer Kochman was instrumental in the development of our new Community Center and was as a tireless community advocate throughout the public process by participating at public meetings, drafting countless public letters in support to the Other Paper, as well as advocating in many community Facebook and Front Porch Forum publications;

WHEREAS, as a lifelong supporter of community recreation, Jennifer advocated for an indoor city municipal recreation center where our residents could enjoy year-round recreational opportunities;

WHEREAS, Jennifer exemplified public service and served our community with eloquence, integrity, honesty, hard work, grit, determination, dedication and loyalty.


NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that on behalf of the residents of the City of South Burlington, the City Council does hereby recognize and extend its deepest appreciation for Jennifer Kochman's service and dedication to the residents of the City of South Burlington whose lives are made better by her years of service; and


LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that we, the members of the City Council, recognize and honor our neighbor and friend, Jennifer Kochman, for her intelligence, quick wit, candor, courage, honesty, and determination she gifted for the betterment of those around her and our community; and

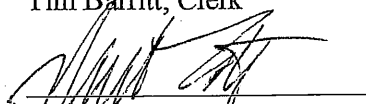
LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that a signed copy of this resolution shall be presented to Jennifer Kochman's family, her husband Frank and two daughters, Janice and Lena, and that the text of this resolution will be inserted in its entirety in the minutes of this meeting of the South Burlington City Council dated June 21, 2021, and that this recognition of her service be prominently displayed in our new City Hall, Library, and Senior Center at 180 Market Street.

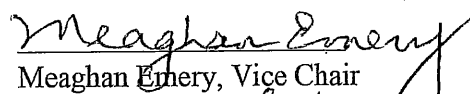
BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 21st DAY OF JUNE 2021

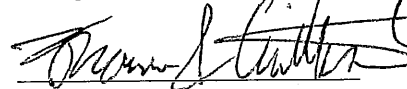
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