

## *~ PROCLAMATION ~*

- Whereas,** John Deeder dedicated his professional life to the education of children, starting as a sixth-grade teacher and holding nine different positions before being named superintendent of Evergreen Public Schools, having earned his superintendent credential at Lewis and Clark College in 1988; and
- Whereas,** He has served as superintendent of the 26,000-student Evergreen district, the state's sixth-largest school district, for 11 years; and
- Whereas,** Mr. Deeder has been a consummate champion for improvements in education for our youth, including all-day kindergarten, smaller class sizes, initiatives to boost graduation rates and greater technology-driven instruction for 21<sup>st</sup>-century skills; and
- Whereas,** He launched equity efforts that eliminated economic barriers to student and family participation, and was instrumental in making possible construction of 14 Family and Community Resource Centers; and
- Whereas,** Under Mr. Deeder's leadership, the district preserved teaching positions during the Great Recession, added a new specialty high school, increased student and staff safety, secured labor agreements, and built a new Crestline Elementary after the school was destroyed by fire in 2013.

**Now therefore,** the Vancouver City Council and Clark County Council do hereby jointly thank John Deeder for his lengthy and substantial service to the children and families of Evergreen Public Schools and offer our gratitude for his service with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southwest Washington, Columbia River Economic Development Council, Partners in Careers and other local organizations that work to ensure a bright future for all Clark County residents. We wish him health and happiness in his well-deserved retirement.

DATED this 13<sup>th</sup> of June 2017

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