

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA REQUEST

TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Adiel McKnight, Executive Assistant
DATE: October 3, 2022
SUBJECT: PROCLAMATION re: Proclaiming November 7-13, 2022, Observance of Richard Wojt

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

In observance of the former Commissioner Richard Wojt, request to approve a proclamation and lower the courthouse flag to half-staff

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to Jefferson County.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Proclamation re: Proclaiming November 7-13, 2022, Observance of Richard Wojt and lower the courthouse flag to half-staff.

REVIEWED BY:


Mark McCauley, County Administrator

11/3/22
Date

PROCLAMATION

OBSERVANCE OF RICHARD WOJT

WHEREAS, in 1990 Richard Wojt became an elected Jefferson County Commissioner and went on to serve for 12 years. A strong environmentalist, his proudest accomplishments were putting in place Jefferson County's first comprehensive plan and helping to start the Larry Scott Trail. After retiring in 2002, he served on many boards and committees including the North Olympic Salmon Coalition, Jefferson County Historical Society, and Sunrise Rotary; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wojt was a determined individual who never let the nay-sayers hold him back. Undiagnosed dyslexia made school a challenge, but he ignored advice to lower his ambitions and went to college anyway. He earned degrees in chemistry and education from Western Washington University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wojt's career involved teaching at Fort Worden's Juvenile Diagnostic and Treatment Center. He also taught science at Chimacum High School for 25 years. He loved working with kids and taking them hiking in the Olympic Mountains. He mentored students and stayed in touch with some of them throughout his life including current Commissioner Heidi Eisenhour; and

WHEREAS, a deep love of nature, dedication to community, and a desire to do good in this world were the threads that ran through the life of former Jefferson County Commissioner Richard Wojt; and

WHEREAS, a memorial service will be held on December 3, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at the Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Masks and COVID-19 proof of vaccination are required to attend. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to Jefferson Healthcare Hospice;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim November 7 – 13, 2022 as

OBSERVANCE OF RICHARD WOJT

in Jefferson County and that the courthouse flag be lowered to half-staff in observance of Richard Wojt, and encourage Jefferson County residents to join the Commissioners in honoring his memory and achievements.

APPROVED this 7th day of November, 2022

SEAL:

JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Heidi Eisenhour, Chair

ATTEST:

Kate Dean, Member

Carolyn Gallaway, CMC Clerk of the Board

Greg Brotherton, Member