

RESOLUTION

R-17-15

SALUTING THE MENASHA HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

Introduced by Mayor Merkes and Alderman Langdon.

WHEREAS, Menasha has had a football team since 1896; and,

WHEREAS, Jeramie Korth became a coach of Menasha Bluejay Football in 2001, and head coach in 2008 embarking on a journey of building the team at all levels from elementary school to the Varsity team; and,

WHEREAS, Menasha Bluejay Football developed the "Benevolent Bluejay" program focusing on student athletes involvement with the community on a volunteer basis. Through this program athletes have been involved in Communityfest, CN 30 for 30 tree planting, and elementary school visits; and,

WHEREAS, Menasha Bluejay Football initiated a "Big Brother" program where seniors and freshmen mentor each other allowing leadership to go both ways; and,

WHEREAS, the team went from a 0-9 record in 2001 and 2002 to a 8-3 record in 2005 clinching Fox Valley Association Conference, and a 9-2 record in 2010 marking a three way tie championship with powerhouses Kimberly, Appleton North, and Menasha in the Fox Valley Association Conference; and,

WHEREAS, Menasha Bluejay Football has been in the WIAA playoffs every year since 2009; and,

WHEREAS, Menasha Bluejay Football was the undefeated Conference Champion in 2014, their first year in the Bay Conference; and,

WHEREAS, Menasha Bluejay Football achieved their first ever State Championship in 2014 playing against Waukesha West, ending the season with a perfect 14-0 record; and,

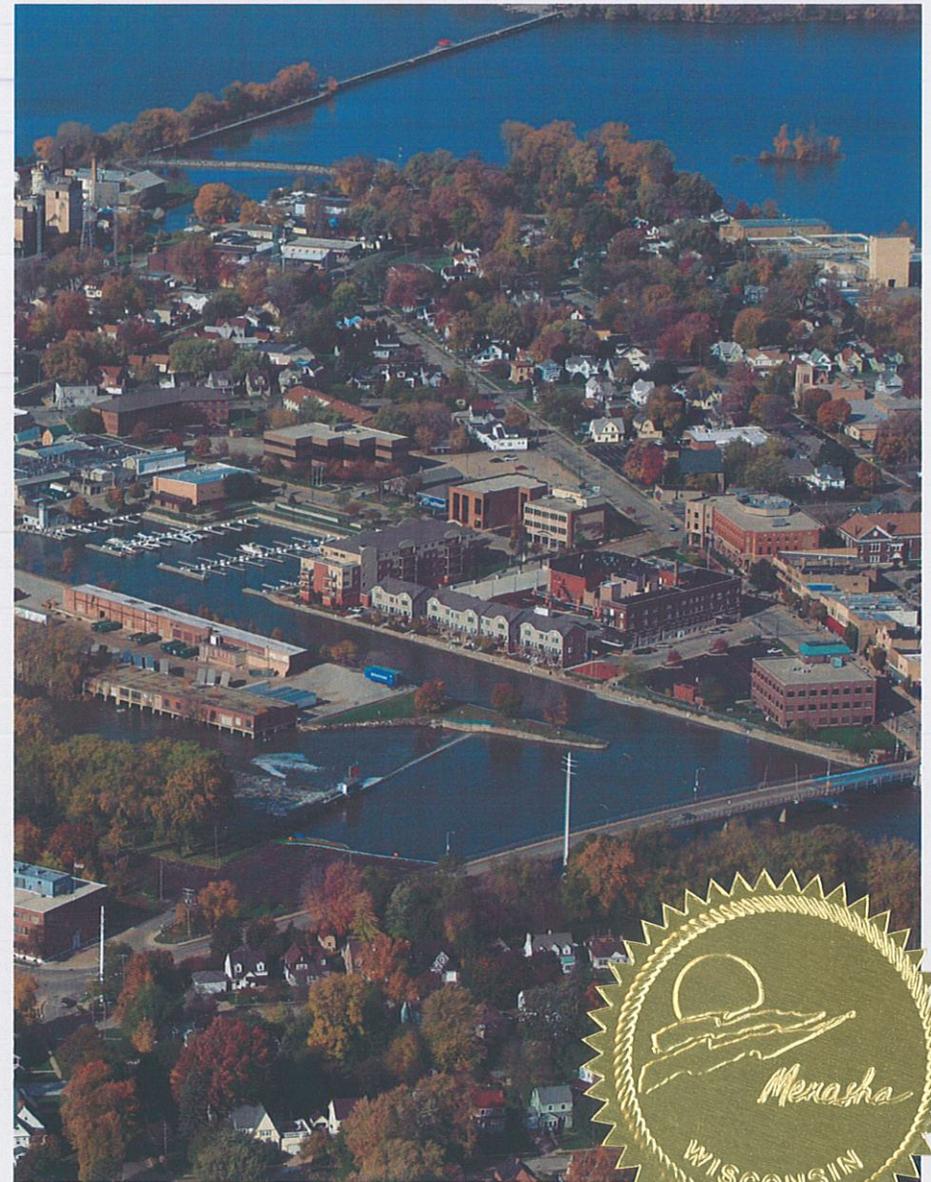
WHEREAS, the 2014 Menasha Bluejays received the Time Warner Play of the year award and were named one of the top 50 high school football teams in the nation by Max Preps; and,

WHEREAS, the 2014 team has five members playing in the WFC A all star game, seven team members received state honors, one member was named 2014 State Co-MVP, two members were named to the WSN all star team, and one member received the Scholar Athlete Award from the National Football Foundation; and,

WHEREAS, graduates of the Menasha Football program have played college football at numerous schools including: University of Minnesota, UM Duluth, UM Mankato, University of Wisconsin, UW Milwaukee, UW Eau Claire, UW Oshkosh, UW Stout, UW Stevens Point, UW Whitewater, UW La Crosse, Wisconsin Lutheran, St Norbert, North Dakota State, and Lakeland College; and,

WHEREAS, the community has rallied around the team and school instilling pride in the program, high school, and City of Menasha.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Menasha recognizes the achievements both on and off the field of Menasha Bluejay Football and its coaches by designating Championship Lane the honorary name of the portion of Appleton Street between 9th Street and 11th Street, and by designating Korth Way the honorary name of 12th Street between Racine Road and De Pere Street.



Dated this 18th day of May 2015.

Donald Merkes, Mayor

