



PROCLAMATION
BY THE CITY OF TAYLORSVILLE

HONORING JUDGE MICHAEL KWAN
FOR HIS COMMUNITY AND JUDICIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, Judge Michael Kwan was a long-time resident of the City of Taylorsville ("City"); and

WHEREAS, Judge Kwan served as Taylorsville's Municipal Justice Court Judge since 1998, where he focused on ensuring justice and equal protection for all who passed through his courtroom; and

WHEREAS, Judge Kwan founded one of the first DUI and drug courts in the country, which received the Governor's Award in 2008 for reducing drug and alcohol-related crimes; and

WHEREAS, Judge Kwan also initiated a Domestic Violence Program, which was awarded the Peace on Earth Award in 2002; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving as municipal court judge, Judge Kwan also dedicated his time to teaching law and justice classes across the country in a variety of settings; and

WHEREAS, Judge Kwan also served on the Utah Substance Abuse and Anti-Violence Council, the Utah Rules of Evidence Committee, the Utah Judicial Council, the Board of Justice Court Judges, and was editor of the National Conference of Special Court Judges journal; and

WHEREAS, Judge Kwan passed away at home on July 21, 2020, with his wife by his side; and

WHEREAS, the City of Taylorsville owes a great debt of gratitude to Judge Kwan for his tireless efforts to serve his community, especially as the City's justice court judge, advocating for the rule of law through his compassion, patience, and good humor.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor of the City, on behalf of the citizens of the City, does hereby proclaim sincere gratitude, appreciation and commendation for the exemplary service and sacrifice Judge Kwan has given to his country, his family, and the City community. Judge Kwan has truly and unforgettably changed the community for the better. For this, we are most truly grateful.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the City flags shall be lowered to half-staff on Friday, July 31, 2020, in honor of Judge Kwan.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the City is asking businesses and individuals to also lower their flags to half-staff on Friday, July 31, 2020, to honor Judge Kwan across our community.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED THAT Judge Kwan will lie in state in the Council Chambers at Taylorsville City Hall, located at 2600 W. Taylorsville Blvd, Taylorsville, Utah, 84129, on Friday, July 31, 2020, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.; where the public is invited to pay their last respects.

ADOPTED this 29th day of July, 2020

ATTEST:


Jamie Brooks, City Recorder





Mayor Kristie S. Overson