

Proclamation

Office of the Mayor

HONORING MARI RIPP
Clerk of the Year
March 28, 2016

WHEREAS, the foundation of a thriving city government includes the willingness of its citizens and employees to work together to enhance public services and provide an avenue for better communication between community leaders and the citizenry; and

WHEREAS, for 26 years Mrs. Mari Ripp has displayed exceptional devotion to employees and citizens of the City of Woodland; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Washington Municipal Clerks Association since 1995 and recognized through a nomination process of 281 cities in Washington, including 345 clerks; and

WHEREAS, not only being an integral part of day-to-day operations to the City of Woodland, Mrs. Ripp has also proven dedication by devoting time to community groups and fostering communication between these groups and the City of Woodland through personal, professional, and working relationships; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mari Ripp, CMC, Clerk-Treasurer of the City of Woodland, was recognized on March 17, 2016 as Washington Municipal Clerks Association's "Clerk of the Year" for her outstanding service and continual contributions to the City of Woodland.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Mayor William A. Finn, City of Woodland, Washington do hereby commend and express sincere appreciation and honor

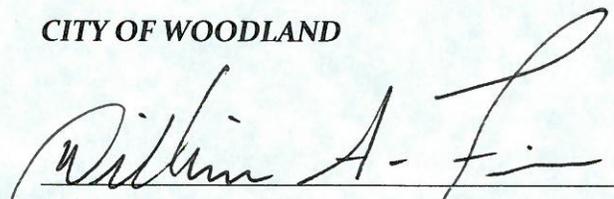
Mrs. Mari Ripp, Washington's Clerk of the Year

in the City of Woodland, Washington,

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of City of Woodland, Washington to be affixed this 28th day of March, 2016.



CITY OF WOODLAND


William A. Finn, Mayor



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March 23, 2016 – The “Clerk of the Year” is Mari Ripp from the City of Woodland.

Mari Ripp, CMC, Clerk-Treasurer of the City of Woodland, received the prestigious title of “Clerk of the Year” from the Washington Municipal Clerks Association (WMCA) at the groups’ annual conference in Spokane, WA. President Debbie Burke (City of Normandy Park) announced the award at the Association’s annual banquet on Thursday, March 17th. She cited Ms. Ripp’s exceptional devotion to public service, her continuing contributions to WMCA, and her dedication of 26 years of service to the City of Woodland and the profession of City Clerk during the presentation. Ms. Ripp was nominated by Interim City Administrator Dennis Richards.

As part of the application process, the nominators are instructed to identify specific instances within each of the following four areas, where the Clerk has performed outstanding service.

In the area of leadership, organization, administration and communications: she supervises a department of 7 employees, she is the ‘glue’ that holds the city together and is the ‘go to’ person on most anything going on in the city, she can be counted on to complete any and all projects, is always positive, and has an impeccable work ethic.

In the area of procedures, records management, and public relations: she worked carefully with the secretary of state’s office to insure city records were being archived properly, she coordinated a regional training on Jurassic Parliament, and she implemented the Open Government Training Act process in her city before it was a requirement.

In the area of involvement with our Association: she has been a member since 1995, serves on a variety of committees, attended 18 state conferences, and 3 international clerk conferences.

Finally, in the area of volunteering in the community: she works with the Woodland Chamber of Commerce to welcome new businesses, and she supports and promotes community activities due to her considerable knowledge of the area and key people at these organizations. She has also kept the Woodland Quality Community Coalition group meetings organized for the last several years.

The Clerk of the Year Award is open for nominations among more than 325 clerks in the state of Washington. President Debbie Burke was honored and delighted to bestow this coveted award upon Ms. Ripp and to recognize her outstanding service and continuing contributions to the City Clerk profession through her work in her community, for the City of Woodland, and for WMCA.

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