

## **RESOLUTION NO. 10432**

### **A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, RENAMING THE HISTORIC TENTH STREET BRIDGE TO THE “ARLYNE REICHERT COMMUNITY HERITAGE BRIDGE”**

**WHEREAS**, the Tenth Street Bridge was originally promoted by Paris Gibson, designed by engineer Ralph Adams and architect George Shanley, completed in 1920, and today is the oldest and longest open-spandrel ribbed-arch concrete bridge in Montana; and

**WHEREAS**, the bridge represents the unique beauty of our city’s early transportation history, combining skillful engineering with graceful elegance to complement our city’s most significant natural resource—the Missouri River; and

**WHEREAS**, Arlyne Reichert, upon hearing of plans to demolish the bridge nearly three decades ago, has devoted her considerable energies and talents ever since to restoring and preserving it for posterity; and

**WHEREAS**, Arlyne Reichert, by co-founding and inspiring Preservation Cascade, Inc., has succeeded in not only saving the bridge and raising over \$1 million to restore it, but also securing its rightful place on the National Register of Historic Places and its integration into the River’s Edge Trail; and

**WHEREAS**, the work of Arlyne Reichert to honor our heritage by preserving the Tenth Street Bridge is only the most recent and sustained effort of a lifetime of public service that includes:

- Serving as a delegate to the 1972 convention that gave Montanans a constitution without parallel, especially in its recognition of the right of all citizens to know about, observe, and participate in the decisions of their government; as well as
- Serving as a Cascade County Study Commissioner, a Montana state legislator, a trustee on the Great Falls Public Library Board, a founder and president of the Great Falls Chapter of the American Cancer Society, an officer for the Great Falls Public Radio Association, a president of the Great Falls Chapter of the Montana Rhodes Scholarship Committee; a chair of the National Civic League; a member of the Montana Comprehensive Health Council of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission; and a member of the advisory committee responsible for the magnificent restoration of Montana’s state capitol; and

**WHEREAS**, thanks to the work inspired and led by Arlyne Reichert, the Tenth Street Bridge recently entered its second century distinguishing the landscape of this community, reminding all of us of the aspirations of a bygone era and giving each of us a beautiful way to remember people and times gone by.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA,** that the historic Tenth Street Bridge be renamed “The Arlyne Reichert Community Heritage Bridge,” mindful of the lesson both “the Bridge Lady” and the bridge she saved teaches: Caringly tended to, age only enhances innate grace, elegance, and beauty; and the vicissitudes of long and dedicated service add the strength of character and distinguished bearing only the time-tested acquire.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, September 7, 2021.

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Bob Kelly, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

(CITY SEAL)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

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Sara Sexe, City Attorney