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**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF SUNNYSIDE, WASHINGTON, ACCEPTING
DONATION OF THE JERRY TAYLOR VETERAN'S MEMORIAL
TO INCLUDE ARTWORK, STONEMWORK AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the City of Sunnyside has been working with the American Legion, Post 73 to build the Jerry Taylor Veteran's Memorial; and

WHEREAS, the memorial contains numerous items of value, including engraved granite stone walls, statutes, concrete work; and

WHEREAS, the Jerry Taylor Veteran's Memorial is located on City property; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion, Post 73 wishes to donate all of the artwork and improvements to the City of Sunnyside to ensure that these valuable assets are protected against loss and to ensure the continued success of this endeavor; and

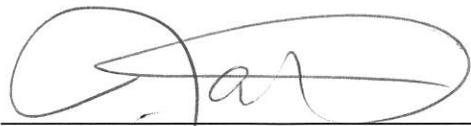
WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that approval of such donation is in the best interests of residents of the City of Sunnyside.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYSIDE, WASHINGTON, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the donation of all artwork, stonework, and other improvements at the Jerry Taylor Memorial from the American Legion Post 73 is hereby accepted, a copy of the letter of donation is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by this reference, is hereby approved; and the City Manager is hereby directed and authorized to accept all improvements and add such improvements to the city's insurance coverage.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall be effective upon passage, approval and signatures hereon in accordance with law.

PASSED this 14th day of September, 2015.



JAMES A. RESTUCCI, MAYOR

ATTEST:



DELILAH SAENZ, CMC, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



KERR LAW GROUP, PLLC
Attorneys for the City of Sunnyside

EXHIBIT "A"



American Legion Post 73
Mustered in as a Veterans Post in Sunnyside in 1919

August 18, 2015

Mr. Don Day
Sunnyside City Manager
818 E. Edison Ave
Sunnyside, WA 98944

Dear Don,

In 2006 our American Legion Post began work on the **Jerry Taylor Veterans Plaza**. To date we have installed two small 5-ft X 5-ft grey granite walls at the north end of the Memorial, and five additional 8-ft tall granite walls along the length of the Memorial.

Thus, at this time our Post would like to hereby donate and bequeath to the City of Sunnyside all Granite Work, Statues, and any and all other Improvements currently existing, or that in the future will be installed at the **Jerry Taylor Veterans Plaza**.

Our Post will continue to work on the Veterans Plaza until all work is completed. Our plans call for a total of forty two (42) 8-ft tall granite walls to be installed, along with flagpoles and additional statues. As each Granite Wall, Statue or flagpole is installed, we hereby bequeath those features to the City of Sunnyside.

In looking back over the last few years the amount of improvements to the Veterans Memorial has been remarkable. Few people saw this coming. Thus, at this time I would like to thank the City for their generous support in helping make this dream come true. Allowing our veterans to have a small plaque on a grey granite wall may seem like a small thing to most people. But for the veteran, and their family members, it is a great honor to see their name engraved in stone in front of City Hall. And it is our hope that each plaque will bring back a renewed sense of pride for those individual veterans, and for those who seek it----- healing from the wounds of war.

Again, thank you.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Greg Schlieve'.

Greg Schlieve, Post Cmdr
American Legion Post 73
Sunnyside, WA 98944