

City of Edmonds • Office of the Mayor

Honoring Mary Lou Block

WHEREAS: Mary Lou Block served the public and her community for decades in various capacities including as Associate Planner, Assistant City Planner and Planning Director for the City of Edmonds from 1974–1991 overseeing extensive redevelopment of the city and during her tenure she successfully championed efforts to preserve the Edmonds Marsh, improve public access, promote environmental programs, and build value for the community; and

WHEREAS: Mary Lou was honored by the City of Edmonds with a Resolution in 1976 for outstanding public service to the City of Edmonds and Resolution No. 713 in 1991 for her service and dedication to the betterment of Edmonds; and

WHEREAS; Mary Lou became Assistant Planning Director for the City of Everett in 1991, and Management Analyst for the Snohomish County Executive in 1994; and

WHEREAS; Mary Lou dedicated herself to building community and she valued public sector service; she was dedicated to the Edmonds Chamber of Commerce, Sound Transit, and Senior Services of Snohomish County, among other organizations; and

WHEREAS; Mary Lou went on to become the first woman elected Commissioner for the Port of Edmonds, where she served from January 2002–March 2016, and President of the Port Commission in 2005 and 2010; and

WHEREAS; Mary Lou was a talented artist creating beautiful artwork in colored pencil capturing scenes from her many travels;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mike Nelson, Mayor of Edmonds, along with the Edmonds City Council, honor her and acknowledge that her contributions to the City of Edmonds will be missed.

Mike Nelson, Mayor | March 2, 2021