

**METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION RECREATION COMMISSION  
Resolution Number 22-11**

For the purpose of recognizing John Erickson’s contributions to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission (MERC).

**WHEREAS**, John Erickson has served as MERC Commissioner since January 2018, providing leadership, hospitality insight and strategic counsel to the agency; and

**WHEREAS**, Erickson’s robust hospitality management experience with a focus on economic growth and development has positioned him as a valuable resource to MERC; and

**WHEREAS**, Erickson has provided strong advocacy for the Oregon Convention Center and the Hyatt Regency Portland at The Oregon Convention Center as their MERC liaison; and

**WHEREAS**, Erickson’s commitment to education and program development has offered guidance and mentorship to help advance future leaders of the industry; and

**WHEREAS**, Erickson’s service to his community is evident by the numerous ways he has volunteered his time as a Board member for charitable organizations, youth sports and tourism and education mentorship; and

**WHEREAS**, Erickson’s knowledge, professionalism, commitment, and kindness are admired by his many students, colleagues, and friends across the country.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission offers its sincere thanks to John Erickson for his service, leadership, advocacy, and willingness to share expertise in the roles he so admirably filled during his tenure with MERC.

Passed by the Commission on December 7, 2022.

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