

CITY OF CONCORD

In the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICES OF EUGENE “GENE” BLAKE

The City of Concord resolves as follows:

- WHEREAS,** Gene Blake joined the City of Concord as the Health and Licensing Officer on April 1, 1974, and retired on August 7, 2008, returning to the City on October 29, 2008, as a part-time Licensing Coordinator. On January 2, 2011, Gene became the Acting Health and Licensing Officer, and on April 10, 2011, he became the permanent Health and Licensing Officer. His final retirement was effective January 4, 2019; and
- WHEREAS,** Gene Blake was a faithful and loyal employee of the City of Concord for approximately 44 years; and
- WHEREAS,** Gene Blake served in various leadership capacities for the New Hampshire Health Officers Association, the New England Food and Drug Officials Association, and the Association of Food and Drug Officials; and
- WHEREAS,** During his tenure as Health and Licensing Officer, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration recognized Concord as the #1 Health Department in the state “in enforcement and compliance procedures and overall sanitation of food service establishments;” and
- WHEREAS,** Gene Blake received the 2007 Harvey W. Wiley Award from the Association of Food and Drug Officials, for exceptional service to the state in the performance of duties and responsibilities in the administration and enforcement of food and drug law and demonstrated promotion of the objectives of the Association; and
- WHEREAS,** Gene Blake worked tirelessly with local business owners, event promoters, committees, and residents leading one business owner to fittingly conclude that Gene’s “firm but fair enforcement of community standards expressed in City regulations epitomizes the best in public service.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and members of the Concord City Council that we hereby record our appreciation for the many years of service of Gene Blake to the City of Concord; our esteem for his ability and professional commitment, and our respect for his integrity, high character, and strong leadership; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we hereby acknowledge that the service and presence of Gene Blake will be truly missed by the City Council, the City Administration, and the entire Concord community; and we all extend our best wishes to him during his well-deserved retirement.