

**RESOLUTION HONORING RUSS VANRITE  
RETIRED PAID-ON-CALL FIREFIGHTER**

**WHEREAS,** Russ VanRite has meritoriously and diligently served the Village of Ashwaubenon, its citizens, businesses, and industries by providing fire protection services in career that expands four decades; and

**WHEREAS,** Russ VanRite has served the community as a valued, hard-working member of the Ashwaubenon Public Safety paid-on-call staff. His dedication to service has made him one of the most well-known and respected firefighters throughout northeast Wisconsin. His knowledge and expertise in building construction and other trades made Russ an incredible asset to the Village and our neighboring communities. Among his peers, Russ displayed a poise and demeanor that everyone knew no matter what situation they would encounter, Russ would see them return home safely. Russ has never avoided hard jobs or assignments, and performed his duties with a work ethic that should be an example to everyone. Throughout his 41+ years, Russ never lost his enthusiasm or commitment to service. As his career progressed, Russ embraced the role of being the “Senior Guy,” providing mentorship to new firefighters and always displaying leadership with his experience and presence, and in the fire service there is not greater title or honor; and

**WHEREAS,** Russ VanRite has performed his duties with honesty, integrity, sincerity, and always demonstrated a high level of professionalism, enthusiasm, and dedication to this Department and the Village. His commitment to those he has served is why Russ will always be remembered as one of the best to have served the Village of Ashwaubenon. Through his candor, humility, generosity, and dedication to the Village, Russ embodies the true spirit of what it means to be a firefighter; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Village of Ashwaubenon honors POC Russ VanRite for his over 41 years of service to the Village of Ashwaubenon. He has built a legacy among his peers, this community, and our partnering agencies. We wish him well in his life and hope he has a long, fruitful retirement.

**DATED** this 25th day of June 2024

**VILLAGE OF ASHWAUBENON**

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Village President, Mary Kardoskee

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