

## Town of Dighton Board of Selectmen 979 Somerset Avenue Dighton, Massachusetts, 02715

## PROCLAMATION & CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Whereas, Mr. Edward Swartz has served on the Dighton Finance Committee for nearly twenty years and as the Finance Committee Chairman for seventeen of those years; and

Whereas, the collaborative, credible leadership and fiscal discipline that Mr. Edward Swartz brought to the Finance Committee allowed the Town of Dighton to consistently meet its needs during those years; the Town's strong fiscal position has also improved into one that is widely-recognized by residents and local and state officials; and

Whereas, the highlights of his tenure include the establishment of and significant investments in both the Town's Stabilization and Capital Stabilization Funds, the funding of many critical capital improvements, including a new headquarters for the Dighton Police Department, and the early adoption of the Town's Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Fund; and

Whereas, these highlights also involve Mr. Swartz's advocacy for the restructuring and professionalization of Dighton's town government, including the establishment of the position of Town Administrator for the Town; and

Whereas, Mr. Edward Swartz's leadership has also been instrumental in his service on various other committees and commissions in the Town, including Dighton-Rehoboth (D-R) Regional School District Finance Committee, the D-R Regional Agreement Task Force, and the Dighton Water District; and

Whereas, Mr. Edward Swartz's fiscal management as Chairman of the Dighton Finance Committee has also been instrumental in helping guide the Town through the COVID-19 worldwide pandemic; due in large part to Mr. Swartz's diligence, the Town has been able to successfully mitigate the economic impacts of COVID-19 from fiscal year 2020 to fiscal year 2021 and beyond; and

NOW, We, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Dighton, do hereby recognize Mr. Edward Swartz for his hard work and dedication to our community and residents. On behalf of our grateful community, we extend our sincere gratitude to Mr. Edward Swartz for his tireless efforts to move Dighton forward.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Great Seal of the Town of Dighton to be affixed on this 23rd day of June, 2021.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF DIGHTON

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