



## Dr. Howard Tanner Recognition

### RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Meridian Municipal Building, in said Township on the 19th day of September, at 6:00 pm local time.

PRESENT: Supervisor Jackson, Clerk Guthrie, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustees Hendrickson, Sundland, Wilson, Wisinski

ABSENT: None

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Hendrickson and supported by Trustee Wilson.

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of Meridian Township is proud to recognize Dr. Howard Tanner for his outstanding contributions to the management of Michigan's Natural Resources and Great Lakes Fisheries Industry, and also to honor celebration of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 4, 2023, and ;

WHEREAS, Dr. Tanner and his late wife Helen, have been active community members serving on boards of the Friends of Historic Meridian and the Harris Nature Center Foundation, as well as being founding members of the Meridian Garden Club, and;

WHEREAS, Howard served on the front lines of WWII from 1943-1946 as an Army Technology Engineer responsible for building and maintaining communication systems and weather stations for the Air Force, and;

WHEREAS, Howard's childhood passion for fishing led him to a forty-year career in Natural Resource management serving as the Chief of the Michigan Department of Conservation and later as the Director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and;

WHEREAS, on April 2, 1966, he led the effort for the first Coho Salmon release into the Great Lakes resulting in the creation of a world-class fishery valued at more than a \$7 billion dollar per year industry to our economy, and

WHEREAS, Howard lead the efforts to ban PCB discharge and contamination into the Great Lakes thus preserving water and habitat quality for future generations, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Howard Tanner, often referred to as the "Father of the Great Lakes Salmon Fishery", was inducted into the American Fisheries Society Hall of Fame of Excellence in 2008 for his early contributions in shaping the Great Lakes salmon stocking program referred to as "the most significant biomanipulation program in the history of fisheries management"; and most recently had the newest MDNR research vessel named in his honor.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN to offer this TRIBUTE to Dr. Howard Tanner for his outstanding commitment to our country, our state's natural resources, and our community; and to congratulate him on celebrating his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 4, 2023. Dr. Howard Tanner's personal and professional accomplishments have truly been "Something Spectacular"!

ADOPTED: YEAS: Supervisor Jackson, Clerk Guthrie, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustees Hendrickson, Sundland, Wilson, Wisinski  
NAYS: None

STATE OF MICHIGAN)  
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COUNTY OF INGHAM)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and a complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board on the 19th of September, 2023.



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Deborah Guthrie  
Township Clerk