

**RESOLUTION NO. 3840**

**CITY OF NEWPORT**

**A RESOLUTION NAMING THE CONCESSION STAND  
AT THE NEWPORT PERFORMING ARTS CENTER TO  
THE MCENTEE FAMILY CONCESSION STAND**

**Findings:**

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.35 of the Newport Municipal Code provides that the Newport City Council may, by resolution, initiate a public hearings process to consider whether or not it is in the public interest to rename or name a public place other than a street; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oregon Coast Council for the Arts requested that the Newport City Council initiate, by resolution, and pursuant to Newport Municipal Code Section 2.35.040, the naming of the Performing Arts Center Concession Stand to the McEntee Family Concession Stand; and

**WHEREAS**, it would be difficult to find a resident, visitor, or celebrity who has not heard of Mo's Seafood and Chowder, Mo Niemi, or the McEntee Family; and

**WHEREAS**, whether your name was Robert Kennedy, Paul Newman, Henry Fonda, or John Smith from any community, logging camp, or fishery, Mo Niemi, founder of Mo's Seafood and Chowder, made no distinction. Mo's work ethic continues through her granddaughter, Cindy McEntee, and her great grandchildren, Dylan and Gabrielle McEntee; and

**WHEREAS**, Mo Niemi, "Clam Chowder Queen" was not only known for her famous clam chowder recipe, she was also well known, and personally involved, for lending financial support for projects that benefited Newport, bay fisheries, the local and central coast economy, and community attractions; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1987 when Mo retired, Cindy became the sole owner of the business has become an Oregon institution, and continued Mo's tradition of supporting the community and being a good neighbor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Concession Stand at the Newport Performing Arts Center is open to the public during performances, serving refreshments from a window facing the lobby, and it is fitting that the Performing Arts Concession Stand be named for a family that has been synonymous with food for the past 77 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the McEntee Family has been active in Newport for generations. Mo Niemi hosted a talk show, "Mo's Meanderings," at KNPT; served as a Port Commissioner, was active with the Newport Boosters; named "Woman of the Year, by the Business and Professional Women; a member of the YMCA, and the Newport Elkettes; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2001, Cindy McEntee was named "Small Businessperson of the Year" for Oregon, and was first runner-up, of four nationwide nominees, for the Small Business Association's "National Business Person of the Year; and

**WHEREAS**, Dylan and Gabrielle McEntee represent the fourth generation of Mo's, and work diligently every day to ensure that the legend lives on; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 22, 2019, the Newport City Council adopted Resolution No. 3838, initiating the naming of the Concession Stand at the Newport Performing Arts Center in honor of the McEntee Family; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Newport directed that staff notice a public hearing for February 4, 2019, at which time, the City Council will accept public comment on the proposed naming of the Performing Arts Center Concession Stand to the McEntee Family Concession Stand; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of the public hearing before the City Council was provided in the January 30, 2019 edition of the Newport News Times.

Based on these findings,

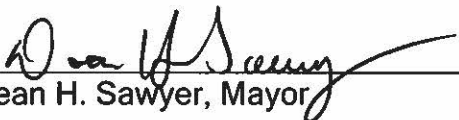
**THE CITY OF NEWPORT RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The City Council of the City of Newport hereby names the Concession Stand at the Newport Performing Arts Center to the McEntee Family Concession Stand.

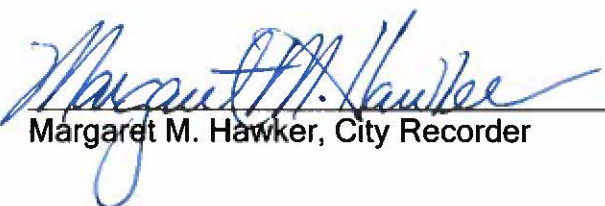
**Section 2.** This resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

Date adopted: February 4, 2019.

Signed by the Mayor on February 5, 2019.

  
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Dean H. Sawyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Margaret M. Hawker, City Recorder