



**City of Traverse City Proclamation Honoring
30 years of Exceptional Service of the Schooner Madeline**

WHEREAS, the City of Traverse City recognizes the contribution that the Maritime Heritage Alliance has made in Northwest Michigan and the Great Lakes region in preserving, interpreting, sharing, and promoting the maritime heritage of the Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, between 1985 and 1990, 165 Maritime Heritage Alliance volunteers gave 40,000 hours to build the schooner Madeline, a 56' deck-length, 92' overall-length, twin-masted replica of an 1840s commercial vessel; and

WHEREAS, this replica of the Madeline was created by traditional skills, native materials, and the pioneering spirit of volunteerism that was characteristic of the bold adventurers who sailed the great tall ships of centuries past; and

WHEREAS, building a wooden replica of the original schooner Madeline was an amazing achievement enough, only surpassed now by celebrating it's 30 years of interpretive service, as it still today sails to distant Great Lakes ports as an educational exhibition and schoolhouse; and

WHEREAS; throughout these three decades, the Madeline has offered the chance for families and individuals to experience the beauty and history of the Grand Traverse Bay as a public service; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Richard I. Lewis, Mayor of the City of Traverse City, Michigan, do hereby commend The Maritime Heritage Alliance on their 30 years of stewardship and exceptional service of the schooner Madeline.



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Richard I. Lewis, Mayor
City of Traverse City
June 6, 2022