

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2013-15

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Leary was sworn into office as Councilman of the First District on May 9, 1994 and served with distinction until May 8, 2000, and was sworn into office on December 10, 2007 as the At-Large Council Representative and served with distinction until May 13, 2013; and

WHEREAS, during his many years of service to the citizens of Dover, Thomas J. Leary served as Council President and Vice Mayor; as Chair of the Legislative, Finance, and Administration Committee, Safety Advisory and Transportation Committee, Civilian Pension Board, Assessment Appeals Committee, Election Board, and 2005 Charter Review Committee; as a member of the Utility Committee, Police Pension Board, Downtown Dover Development Corporation, City Manager Search Committee, Health Benefits Committee, and Legislative Liaison Committee; and as a Liaison to Kent County, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Greater Dover Committee; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dover has benefitted from Thomas J. Leary's financial expertise and business acumen in developing sound fiscal management strategies as the City navigated through challenging economic times; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Leary's extensive knowledge of government, gained through his broad and varied experience with the City of Dover, has provided an invaluable historical perspective to members of Council; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Leary has demonstrated the ability to consider diverse viewpoints, analyze issues objectively, build consensus through civil discourse, and develop pragmatic and even-handed solutions, and his decisive leadership has fostered the respect of his colleagues and facilitated the conduct of City business.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council recognize that Thomas J. Leary will be sorely missed and express their sincere appreciation to him and his family for the dedicated years of service and personal sacrifices made on behalf of the City of Dover.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council wish Council President Leary and his family success in all future endeavors and direct the City Clerk to make this resolution a part of the permanent records of the City of Dover as a lasting symbol of appreciation and gratitude to Thomas J. Leary.

**ADOPTED:** MAY 13, 2013

CARLETON E. CAREY, SR.

MAYOR