

1 **June 29, 2020**

**Proposed No.: 20-004**

2 RESOLUTION NO. 480

3 A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of the Washington State Major  
4 League Baseball Stadium Public Facilities District recognizing Bob  
5 Christofferson, the “Sodfather,” for his 20 years of hard work, passion, and  
6 commitment to excellence as Head Groundskeeper of T-Mobile Park.

7 WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 36.100 RCW, as amended, the Washington State  
8 Major League Baseball Stadium Public Facilities District (the “District”), has been created  
9 and possesses all the powers of a public facilities district; and

10 WHEREAS, Bob Christofferson was hired as Head Groundskeeper for the Seattle  
11 Mariners in 2000 and retired in June 2020; and

12 WHEREAS, Bob spent nights and weekends for 40 years working as a  
13 groundskeeper, first at Cheney Stadium in Tacoma and later at T-Mobile Park; and

14 WHEREAS, Bob pioneered many innovations in groundskeeping, including the  
15 “summer pattern” of mowing, which creates a pattern that causes balls hit to the outfield  
16 to travel in a more direct line, thus creating a “home field advantage” for players; and

17 WHEREAS, Bob’s commitment to excellence has been recognized by many in  
18 baseball, players and fans alike, and he has been given the nickname, “The Sodfather” for  
19 his work; and

20 WHEREAS, Bob helped raise millions of dollars for charity through the Guest  
21 Groundskeeper program and his years chairing the Mariners United Way campaigns; and

22 WHEREAS, in true commitment to the game of baseball, Bob plans to spend his  
23 retirement helping to prepare sports fields for kids.

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25 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
26 OF THE WASHINGTON STATE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL STADIUM PUBLIC  
27 FACILITIES DISTRICT:  
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29 That the District, along with its staff and consultants extends its grateful  
30 appreciation to Bob Christofferson for his passion, dedication, and hard work as a model  
31 Head Groundskeeper and wish him and his family the best in his retirement.

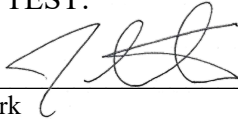
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33 PASSED by a vote of \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2020.

34 BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
35 WASHINGTON STATE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL STADIUM  
36 PUBLIC FACILITIES DISTRICT  
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38 Stacy Graven, Chair

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40 ATTEST:



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42 Clerk