

## **RESOLUTION**

### **RECOGNIZING DON DOUGLAS FOR FORTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE AS A CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR THE OKLAHOMA RIVER CORRIDOR, AND THANKING HIM FOR HIS MANY, LASTING EFFORTS TO ENHANCE AND BEAUTIFY THE OKLAHOMA RIVER.**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Oklahoma City (“City”) owns, and the Oklahoma City Riverfront Redevelopment Authority (“OCRRA”) leases, the North Canadian River Corridor Recreation Area, which includes the Oklahoma River; and

**WHEREAS**, OCRRA is a public trust of which the City is sole beneficiary, and a goal of OCRRA is to promote economic development, tourism, and recreation along the Oklahoma River; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1965, Mr. Douglas has served as a principal engineer in several local firms, including Russell, Gravlin & Douglas; RGDC; and Triad Design Group; and he currently provides consulting services to TEIM Design; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his career, Mr. Douglas has provided civil engineering, architectural, and consulting services for various public- and private-sector clients in central Oklahoma; and

**WHEREAS**, planning for major improvements along the Oklahoma River Corridor began in the late 1970s; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Douglas’ work on the Oklahoma River Corridor began with the “String of Pearls” master plan, finalized in 1980, which envisioned a series of multi-themed parks along the River Corridor in Oklahoma City; and

**WHEREAS**, while the “String of Pearls” was never fully implemented, it laid the foundation for future development along the River Corridor and was an important precursor to the MAPS-era improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, beginning with the original MAPS program in 1993, Don Douglas helped create some of the most iconic structures along the Oklahoma River; and

**WHEREAS**, these include the three Oklahoma River dams, the Riversport Rapids Whitewater Center, the Bricktown Canal Zone G Extension, the University of Oklahoma Boathouse Annex, and the Boathouse District inlet channels; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Douglas also played a leading role in the design and construction of the Oklahoma River Cruiser Landings and Maintenance Facility, the Public Works Department River Maintenance Facility, the Meridian Landing Pavilion, and the River Park equestrian amenities; and

**WHEREAS**, TEIM Design concluded their service as the OCRRA on-call engineering firm on June 30, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, although their on-call engineering services for OCRRA have ended, TEIM Design is currently working on additional improvements along the Oklahoma River that are associated with the OKANA development that include a lighted pedestrian bridge over the Oklahoma River; an additional, low-water dam east of Eastern Avenue; and a new River Cruises Landing near OKANA and the First Americans Museum, complete with multi-level event and gathering spaces; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his service to OCRRA, Mr. Douglas demonstrated expertise in solving the unique engineering challenges of a controlled, urban waterway and developed an unparalleled insight into the workings of Oklahoma River projects while helping City leaders develop functional, vibrant, and cost-effective designs; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Douglas is renowned for his quality design of Oklahoma River improvements, and his work to enhance the River Corridor will be enjoyed by residents and visitors for generations to come.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Oklahoma City Riverfront Redevelopment Authority to hereby recognize Don Douglas for forty-five years of service as a consulting engineer for the Oklahoma River Corridor.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Oklahoma City Riverfront Redevelopment Authority to thank Don Douglas for his many, lasting efforts to enhance and beautify the Oklahoma River.

**ADOPTED** by the Oklahoma City Riverfront Redevelopment Authority this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.


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Secretary

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Chairman

**REVIEWED** for form and legality.



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Assistant Municipal Counselor