

COUNCIL TRIBUTE NO.2022-01

A TRIBUTE EXPRESSING SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES UPON THE PASSING OF WILLIAM HARRISON DAISEY, SR.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Dover are saddened by the passing of William Harrison Daisey, Sr., former Dover City Council member, Vice-Principal at W.T. Chipman Middle School, and former Chief of the Nanticoke Indian Tribe on November 25, 2021; and

WHEREAS, William Harrison Daisey, Sr. was a long-time resident of the City of Dover and an active well-respected member of our community. He was first elected to Dover City Council in 1987, making him the first Native American and second person of color elected to this office. He worked tirelessly for three terms, including sponsoring and fighting against special interests to enact a city-wide smoking ban in restaurants in 1991 to help reduce city cancer rates, 10 years before the state would do the same.

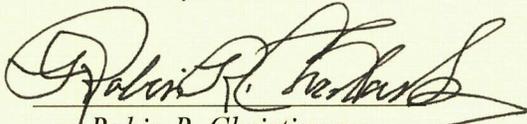
WHEREAS, Mr. Daisey's involvement with the Nanticoke Indian Tribe grew when he was first elected to their Tribal Council in 2004, and then selected assistant chief in 2008. Bill ascended to chief of the tribe in June 2013. Chief William "Thunder Eagle" Daisey would serve the tribe in "the biggest honor of his life" until stepping down in January 2016, due to medical reasons.

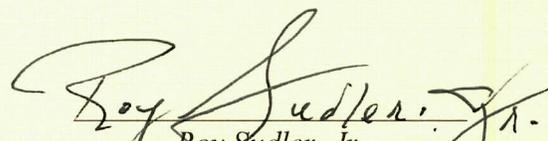
WHEREAS, Mr. Daisey received numerous awards and recognition due to his civic activities. Included among them were the NAACP Public Education and Humanitarian Award, Native American Indian Heritage Award, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Citizen of the Year Award, Servant of the City of Dover Award, Dover Lions Club President's Award, and Lions Club International Humanitarian Award. Mr. Daisey will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all of those whose lives he has touched.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council extend their deepest sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of William Harrison Daisey, Sr., and hope that they will be consoled by the memories of his life and achievements and in knowing that Mr. Daisey holds a permanent place in the history of the City of Dover.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council direct the City Clerk to place this Tribute in the permanent records of the City of Dover and that a copy of this Tribute be provided to the family of William Harrison Daisey, Sr.

ADOPTED: January 10, 2022


Robin R. Christiansen
Mayor


Roy Sudler, Jr.
Council President