

Town of Jamestown



PROCLAMATION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL NO. 2015-09 "TOM MCALEER DAY"

WHEREAS, We, the Town Council of the Town of Jamestown, proclaim May 6, 2015 as Tom McAleer Day in celebration and honor of Tom McAleer, one of Jamestown's shining lights and irrepressible spirits; a man who celebrated the joy of making art with every breath. Tom died suddenly in August 2014.

WHEREAS, Mac lived on Buoy Street in Jamestown with his wondrous wife Joanie, where they raised their son Ryan and daughter Kaylan. But many Jamestowners knew Mac because they saw him painting outside, every day, often twice a day. His subjects were Beavertail, Fort Getty, Fort Wetherill, houses on the north end, gardens on the south, and the marshes and farms in between. No matter the weather, he was there.

WHEREAS, His paintings were exuberant, playful, loose and colorful, just like the man himself, and May 6th marks the opening of an exhibition of some of Tom's paintings at the Jamestown Arts Center. Mac was also a passionate and tireless advocate and administrator of art programs for adults with developmental disabilities. Most recently, under the auspices of LIFE Inc., he helped found Top Drawer Art at the Brass, a studio and exhibition space. He promoted the work of those artists with a fervor that matched the energy of his own painting. One of them, Emmet Estrada, has shared one of his works for this exhibition, one that was displayed at the Smithsonian Institution in 2010, installed there by Tom McAleer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, With this proclamation and this exhibit, we honor a man who celebrated this Island in his art, whose generosity of spirit seemed boundless, and whose ability to make us laugh resonates still. Our community is lucky to have known Tom McAleer.

By Order of the Jamestown Town Council,


Kristine S. Trocki, President

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby attach my hand and the
Official seal of the Town of Jamestown this 20th day of April, 2015


Cheryl A. Fernstrom, CMC, Town Clerk

