

RESOLUTION No. 2018-

RELATIVE TO HONORING JOE CALE & JOE COLAVECCHIA

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WHEREAS, Joe Colavecchia and Joe Cale were born and raised in Niagara Falls, NY and knew each other from Niagara Falls High School. They've spent decades cutting hair in side-by-side chairs in their 19th Street barbershop, and the customers will miss them; and

WHEREAS, Colavecchia once had a shop at 1112 19th Street until his landlady died. He moved his equipment down the street to the current shop between Pine and Walnut Avenues, where he's been for 32 years; and

WHEREAS, Colavecchia got his training fresh out of high school at Firestone Barber Shop, which used to be at 619 Pine Avenue and was owned by two barbers, Joe Parise and John Cullen. "I was there 10 years and they taught me more than hair cutting," Colavecchia said. Cale also worked there, but it was after Colavecchia had moved on; and

WHEREAS, Cale worked off and on at a shop at 1503 Pine Avenue for 31 years until it burned down and he came to work with Colavecchia on 19th Street. Cale jokes that Colavecchia burned down the shop so that Cale would have to move to their current location; and

WHEREAS, In return, Colavecchia jokes that before Cale joined him, "I used to have a full head of hair. He was here two months and I had open heart surgery and lost all my hair."; and

WHEREAS, Jokes aside, both men are sad to leave their business. "We're going to miss the people. They're part of our lives," Cale said. Beyond their customers, they've enjoyed watching the daily activity on 19th Street; and

WHEREAS, "I love it here. We keep our windows clean because something new happens every day," Cale joked. "You have to see it to believe it," he added; and

WHEREAS, While some things they see out their window are occasionally unpleasant, as expected in an urban neighborhood, good things happen on 19th Street, too; and

WHEREAS, "We saw a wedding across the street at the Sikh Temple. They rode (the bridal couple) in on horses. It was really a nice event," Cale said; and

WHEREAS, Colavecchia plans to deal with some health issues and then concentrate on enjoying life with his wife of 41 years, Patricia, with whom he shares five adult children and their families; and

WHEREAS, Cale plans to spend more time with his wife Andrea, their two daughters, three grandchildren and three great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, when asked who is going to cut his hair, Colavecchia nodded toward Cale and laughed. "Him. We're not getting divorced. We're going to take care of each other."; and

WHEREAS, there are a few regrets. "The only thing I regret," said Cale, "is that we didn't get together from the beginning."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this City Council does hereby honor Joe Cale and Joe Colavecchia for their many years of service to Niagara Falls. We wish them both a wonderful and happy retirement.

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