

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-73

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKLIN
RECOGNIZING ROY RUHKALA'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF ROCKLIN
AND PROCLAIMING JULY 28TH, 2019 AS ROY RUHKALA DAY

WHEREAS, Roy Ruhkala was born in Rocklin on July 28, 1919, in a house on the corner of High and Pine Street, and was the 9th of 11 children born to parents that immigrated from Finland; and

WHEREAS, Roy attended both elementary school and high school in Placer County, Rocklin and Roseville, and subsequently left the area to pursue an advanced degree;

WHEREAS, Roy also served our country in the Army during World War II, then returned to Rocklin and began working again in the family granite business, Union Granite Company, on Pacific Street in Rocklin,

WHEREAS, Roy subsequently purchased a monument company in Sacramento, Ruhkala Monument Company which became he and his wife Peggy's lifelong livelihood, which is now operated by his son, Paul Ruhkala; and

WHEREAS, throughout Roy's legacy of community service, he served in various capacities on several agency boards and organizations; such as the Boy Scout's Troop 29, the Rocklin School Board, the Rocklin Lions Club, the Rocklin City Council, serving one term as Mayor, the Placer County Water Agency, the American River Authority, the Rocklin-Newcastle Gold Hill Cemetery, and the Rocklin Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, Roy's most notable accomplishments and contributions to the City included establishing the names of the City's first streets, as well as installing the first street signs, establishing the post office numbering system, organizing the Old Timer's Reunion held annually on Memorial Day weekend, restoring Rocklin Finn Hall, as well as assisting in the founding of the Rocklin Historical Society, where he remained an active docent until he was 98 years old; and

WHEREAS, Roy Ruhkala's continued, unselfish service is the backbone of our society and is to be commended and exemplified; and

WHEREAS, Roy passed away at 99 years of age on March 28, 2019 surrounded by his family.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Rocklin as follows:

Section 1. The City Council will hereby honor the memory of Roy Ruhkala by proclaiming July 28th, 2019 as Roy Ruhkala Day.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of April, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmembers:	Broadway, Janda, Halldin, Gayaldo, Patterson
NOES:	Councilmembers:	None
ABSENT:	Councilmembers:	None
ABSTAIN:	Councilmembers:	None



Joe Patterson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Mona Forster, City Clerk