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PROCLAMATION APPROVED BY IHMM BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO RECOGNIZE THE INAUGURAL CLASS OF CHMMs

ROCKVILLE, Maryland (14 August 2014) – The Institute of Hazardous Materials Management (IHMM) is pleased to announce that the IHMM Board of Directors has approved a Proclamation to recognize the 29 Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM) credential holders who remain active and have been in continuous standing since 1984.

As part of IHMM’s milestone 30th anniversary celebration, IHMM would like to thank and recognize this group for their significant contributions in making our world a safer place and for their personal commitment and support they have provided to IHMM!

The proclamation reads:

WHEREAS, the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management awarded the first Certified Hazardous Materials Manager credential in 1984; and

WHEREAS, the CHMM credential represents the industry gold standard for more than 16,000 hazardous materials professionals who demonstrate a commitment to excellence by protecting the environment and the public’s health and safety; and

WHEREAS corporations, universities and government agencies rely on the CHMM certification to identify respected individuals who bring invaluable expertise to projects; and

WHEREAS voluntary recertification further safeguards the public and environment by ensuring CHMM credential holders demonstrate continuing competence in their profession; and

WHEREAS, there are 29 professionals who received the credential in 1984 who have consistently maintained their CHMM certification in good standing since that time through recertification;

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the IHMM Board of Directors, in our 30th Anniversary Year, hereby recognizes these 29 CHMM credential holders for their unwavering commitment to the mission of IHMM and to the protection of the public and the environment.

The recipients of the Proclamation are:

Gary Alicandro          Edward Gomes
Kim Anderson            Jim Hanson
Narayan Ayengar        William Jenaway
Lewis Barbe             Maxine LaPierre
John Bloemer            Kenneth Manchen
Ronald Burstein        Michael Morgenstern
George Campbell         Michael Musheno
Edward Capasso          John Podojil
John Coniglio           Dennis Sasseville
Charles Dartez          Ronald Schaible
Fred Ellerbusch         Kenneth Smith
Michael Erbaugh         Robert Stockholm
Paul Errico             James Wood
Gail Finkelsein        Michael Ziskin
Frederick Fox

“This group of CHMMs obtained their certification 30 years ago at a time when hazardous materials management was evolving into a profession and the CHMM credential was key in obtaining credibility,” stated Allison A. King, Chair of the IHMM Board of Directors.
We want to thank other CHMMs who are part of the inaugural class and have since retired or are no longer certified for their vital contributions to the field of hazardous materials, environmental, health and safety and other related fields.

**About the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management**

For thirty years the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management (IHMM), a not-for-profit organization founded in 1984, has been protecting the environment and the public’s health, safety, and security through the administration of credentials recognizing professionals who have demonstrated a high level of knowledge, expertise, and excellence in the management of hazardous materials.

Over 16,000 homeland security, environmental protection, engineering, health sciences, transportation, and public safety professionals have earned IHMM’s accredited Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM) credential. IHMM also administers the Certified Hazardous Materials Practitioner (CHMP) credential and the Certified Dangerous Goods Professional (CDGP) credential.

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