PROCLAMATION

Recognizing and Honoring Karen Y. Darch for Her Service to the Village of Barrington

WHEREAS, *President Karen Darch began her public service in 1995 when she was elected Village Trustee to the Barrington Board of Trustees and served in this capacity until 2005; and*

WHEREAS, *President Darch was elected President in 2005 and then re-elected in 2009, 2013, 2017, and 2021, and has honorably served as Village President for twenty years; and*

WHEREAS, *during her tenure with the Village of Barrington, Karen served as IML President, Chair and Board Member for the Barrington Area Council of Governments, President and Member of the Executive Committee for the Northwest Municipal Conference, Member of the Northwest Mayors Technical Committee, Chair and Member of the Executive Committee for the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, Member of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Board of Directors, Founding Member of the Northwest Water Planning Alliance, Vice-Chairman and Member of the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), Coalition Co-Chairperson of The Regional Answer to Canadian National (TRAC), Member of the DuPage Railroad Safety Council Board of Directors, Member of the Illinois Bicentennial Celebration Commission, Member of the Local Government Consolidation and Unfunded Mandates Task Force, Co-Chair of the Local Government Transition Subcommittee, and Member of the National League of Cities Transportation & Infrastructure Services Committee; and*

WHEREAS, *Karen has accomplished much in her tenure as President of Barrington and can be most proud of establishing the historic Barrington White House as a community and cultural center, redevelopment of Barrington Village Center, Village Hall and Public Safety, development of Shops at Flint Creek, Cook Street Plaza, 101 W. Liberty and the Golden Triangle, improvements to the Hart Road and U.S. 14 intersection, Grove Avenue and Dundee Road intersection, Ela and Long Grove Road intersection, creation of the Metra Access Drive, improvements to the Village's water and sewer systems, establishment of the Village as a Home Rule community, and completion of studies, engineering and construction commencement of the U.S. Route 14 grade separation project; and*

WHEREAS, *Karen's integrity and dedication to her profession have truly been exemplified in her service to the Barrington community as Village President, but also as a volunteer for numerous organizations, including Saint Anne Catholic Community and Saint Anne's School, Good Shepherd Hospital, the Jeffery Pride Foundation, Healthier Barrington Coalition, Boy Scouts, Lake County Illinois Military Advisory Council, Barrington Area Council on Aging, Barrington Area Historical Society, Barrington Area Junior Women's Club, Character Counts!, District 220 Parent Teacher Organization and*

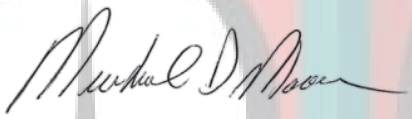
Strategic Planning Committee, Harris Bank, and Safety Town; and

WHEREAS, *Karen's unwavering commitment to ethical behavior and honesty has earned her the trust and respect of her peers and those in the community; and*

WHEREAS, *on May 12, 2025, Karen stepped down from her role as Village President of the Village of Barrington after more than 30 years of demonstrating her consistent efforts to go above and beyond in serving the needs of the Village.*

NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Mike Moran, President of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Barrington, Cook and Lake Counties, Illinois, do hereby express appreciation to* ***KAREN Y. DARCH*** *for her 30 years of public service to the Village, its citizens and its employees. On behalf of previous and current Corporate Authorities and employees, and the residents of Barrington, I hereby express collective gratitude for Karen Y. Darch's contributions to the Village and in doing so extend to her our heartfelt appreciation.*

Dated this 12th day of May, 2025



Mike Moran, Village President