

RESOLUTION NO: 15-01
INTRODUCED BY: Mr. Clark

***A RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION AND APPRECIATION OF JOAN T. KEMPER,
CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF BAY VILLAGE, FOR HER
FIFTY YEARS OF DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE***

WHEREAS, Joan T. Kemper began her fifty-year career in public service on January 26th, 1965 as a police dispatcher for the City of Brooklyn, Ohio as a result of being inspired to enter into a community service career by her mother, Loretta C. Keberle, who served as a bookkeeper for the City of Parma, Ohio under auditor Joseph Lime; and

WHEREAS, in 1967, Joan continued to serve as the secretary for the distinguished and Honorable John M. Coyne Sr., mayor of Brooklyn, Ohio, who served the longest consecutive term of any mayor in United States history; and

WHEREAS, Joan has been a member of the Cuyahoga County Mayors Secretaries Association since 1967, serving as President of the association in 1975, and was added to the distinguished list of lifetime honorary members in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Joan served as secretary to several commissions and boards for the City of Brooklyn during her tenure for that city, including the Planning Commission, Civil Service Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, the Citizens Rezoning Advisory Committee, the Mayor's Advisory Committee and the Recreation Board. She also served as secretary to the Director of Law and the Recreation Commissioner and as the Assistant Clerk of Council; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, Joan was instrumental in the development and opening of the City of Brooklyn's "John M. Coyne Recreation Center" and was appointed Chief Clerk thereof by virtue of Civil Service Examination in which capacity she served until her retirement on June 30th, 1998; and

WHEREAS, Joan began her employment with the City of Bay Village, Ohio on January 4th, 1999 as a receptionist and Civil Service Clerk and was appointed Clerk of Council on July 3rd, 2001, serving also to present as secretary to boards and commissions including the Architectural Board of Review, Board of Zoning Appeals, Civil Service Commission, and Planning Commission. In addition, Joan has served on the Ohio Municipal Clerks Association (OMCA) board as City representative as well as Chair of the Issues & Actions Committee and was appointed President of the Northeast Ohio Municipal Clerks Association (NEOMCA) in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Joan developed a passion for exercise and health and became certified to instruct water aerobics of which she continues as a teacher currently at Avenbury Lakes and EMH Avon campus. Joan received certification from the National Swimming Pool Foundation as a certified pool/spa operator in 1989 and from the Ohio Parks and Recreation as a certified recreation technician in 1990. She earned her CPR certification from the American Red Cross in 1990 as well. Recently, Joan furthered her interest in improving health through motion by receiving certification in the instruction of CONDUCTORCISE®, a program that combines classical music with engagement in thinking and motion; and

WHEREAS, Joan is a devoted member of St. Raphael Church in Bay Village and has served the parish in various volunteer service roles including as a teacher in the pre-school religion classes and a practicing participant in Eucharistic adoration; and

WHEREAS, she is a dedicated and much-loved mother of her daughter and son-in-law and grandmother of four; and

WHEREAS, Joan is an active and respected resident of the City of Bay Village where she participates in and supports several volunteer projects including Bay Days, Community Garden and Village Food Project; and

WHEREAS, Joan is living proof of good health and a positive attitude that is ageless, and she continues to serve the community of Bay Village as Clerk of Council where she recently helped organize the ceremony commemorating the City of Bay Village City Hall's 100th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Joan always demonstrates unparalleled professionalism in all that she does and provides dependable support to the members of Council, the Administration, the boards and commissions and the public, executing her duties with a high level of integrity, attention to detail and extreme dedication. Her kind and caring personality shines through in dealing with all types of situations, and her work ethic and trustworthiness are highly valued; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Bay Village, Ohio:

SECTION 1: That this Council, the Mayor, the Administration and the entire community of the City of Bay Village do hereby extend their commendation and appreciation to Joan T. Kemper for her many years of on-going, dedicated public service to the City of Bay Village and her fifty years of service to the public.

SECTION 2: That the Clerk of Council be and she is hereby directed to forward a signed copy of this Resolution to Joan T. Kemper.

SECTION 3: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to this legislation were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action wherein meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

SECTION 4: That this resolution shall be in full force and take effect at the earliest time permitted by law.

PASSED: January 26, 2015

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