

# Resolution

## THANKING DONNA HEATH FOR 40 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO MAYFIELD VILLAGE AND CONGRATULATING HER ON HER RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, on July 20, 1980, Donna Heath was hired by then-Mayor Robert Beebe; and

WHEREAS, for the next 25 years, Donna Heath served various administrations as Assistant to Mayor Fred Carmen, Mayor Blasé Pietrafese, and Mayor Bruce Rinker; and

WHEREAS, during those years, Donna Heath also served as the Clerk of Council, assisting the many different Council members elected to office, earning her designation as a Certified Municipal Clerk, and becoming a member and President of the Western Reserve Municipal Clerks Association; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, former Finance Director Dan Patrick nominated Donna for recognition during a meeting with State Auditors commending her for the high quality of work and management of the records maintained by the Clerk. He stated, "This is an example of a Village employee demonstrating on a day-to-day, week-to-week basis, a dedicated performance that continues to reflect highly on the Village and its employees to other outside parties"; and

WHEREAS, Mayfield Village had very few full-time employees during the 1980s and Donna filled a variety of roles, planning and overseeing the Village's special events, including July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks, Village Days, Cruise Night and Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast, donning the bunny suit for Easter Parties, developing the Village's first website, establishing the Records Commission to organize Village records, and, when needed, providing assistance to all Departments. In 1985, former Police Chief Stevens provided Donna with a Letter of Commendation after she provided "invaluable assistance" to the Police Department. He stated, "It is certainly nice to know that members of other municipal departments can pitch in to help out another department during times of need"; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Mayor Bruce Rinker presented Donna with an Outstanding Citizen Award, notably in the Award's inaugural year; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, Donna's talents took her to the Human Services Department, which later became known as Senior Services, where she spent the remainder of her career assisting Mayfield Village's seniors, developing and overseeing recreational and educational programming, running the senior snow plow program, arranging bus trips, and most recently, during the COVID-19 pandemic, making regular calls to seniors at their homes to check on their health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, Donna Heath has served the community of Mayfield Village with exceptional commitment for over 40 years and, during her tenure, she was instrumental in facilitating its growth. She watched over many Charter Review Commissions, helped develop the 2020 Vision Plan, and supported many initiatives, most notably, the SOM Center Road Widening Project, the retention and growth of Progressive Insurance, and the development of the Parkview recreational complex.

WHEREAS, Mayfield Village and its residents have clearly benefitted and prospered as a result of Donna's dedication and hard work.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF MAYFIELD VILLAGE, OHIO, THAT:**

**Donna Heath be and is hereby recognized and congratulated for 40 years of dedicated and exceptional service to Mayfield Village. On behalf of residents, business owners, department heads and staff, we wish her many years of health and happiness, enjoying travel, dinners out with friends and family, golf, and yes, heavy metal.**

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: August 17, 2020

Approved as to form:

  
ANTHONY J. COYNE, Law Director

Attest:

  
Mary E. Betsa, MMC, Clerk of Council

  
STEPHEN SCHUTT, Council President

  
BRENDA T. BODNAR, Mayor