



Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners

PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, The Rotary Club of Vicksburg was chartered on May 24, 1924, to serve the community of Vicksburg through the tenet of the Rotary International organization -- *Service Above Self*; and

WHEREAS, The Rotary Club of Vicksburg has served the greater Vicksburg area through charitable works and support for the past one-hundred years; and

WHEREAS, The Rotary Club of Vicksburg began with 15 Charter Members and has had over 300 members join the club since its beginning; and

WHEREAS, The Rotary Club of Vicksburg began with small projects, such as driving disabled children to treatment and therapy in Grand Rapids, and providing activities for young boys in the community. Over the past century, projects have grown to assisting the Vicksburg Community Schools Industrial Trades students with the restoration of the Union Railroad Depot to become the Vicksburg Historical Museum, the construction of the buildings in the Vicksburg Historic Village, and re-establishing the historic John Vickers Mill Race; and

WHEREAS The Rotary Club of Vicksburg organized and mobilized a hay lift to Michigan's Upper Peninsula during a snow emergency to provide hay and feed for starving cattle, which according to the farmers who received the aid, saved the animals from starvation and farms from financial ruin; and

WHEREAS, The Rotary Club of Vicksburg has participated in worldwide charitable projects providing clean water, immunizations and educational materials to third world countries; and

WHEREAS, The Rotary Club of Vicksburg has played an instrumental role in eradicating Polio throughout the world in cooperation with Rotary International and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; and

WHEREAS, The Rotary Club of Vicksburg for over 65 years produced a musical/comedy variety show, "The Rotary Showboat," known far and wide for clean, family fun, as its annual major fundraiser; and

WHEREAS, The Rotary Club of Vicksburg has created an Endowed Fund through the Kalamazoo Community Foundation, to guarantee funds for future local charitable needs in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, The Rotary Club of Vicksburg has distributed over \$800,000.00 to local charitable causes, including scholarships, community parks and recreation, local hospital improvements, educational programs, cultural programs, social service assistance, library programs, and international understanding; and

WHEREAS, The Rotary Club of Vicksburg has played a cooperative role working in concert with other local groups, such as the Vicksburg Lions, Vicksburg Community Schools and the Vicksburg Foundation, to increase the value of their involvement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners, in recognition of the Rotary Club of Vicksburg's century-long history of charitable contributions to and involvement in the betterment of the greater Vicksburg community, encourages all communities to follow their lead in living the Rotary International ideal -- *Service Above Self*.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the County of Kalamazoo, Michigan to be affixed this ____ day of May, 2024.

Adopted: May 8, 2024
Moved Heppler
Seconded Taylor
Carried Unanimously

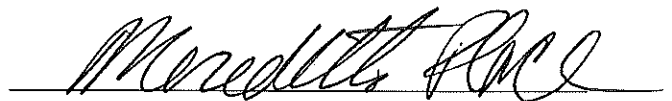


Tami Rey, Chair
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO)

I, Meredith Place, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Kalamazoo County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners at the meeting held on May 8, 2024. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed by signature this 9 Day of May 2024.



Meredith Place
County Clerk/Register of Deeds

