

RESOLUTION

In Appreciation of

Mary Anne Brown

Hephzibah Executive Director 1976 – 2017

WHEREAS, Mary Anne Brown began her career as Executive Director of Hephzibah Children's Association in 1976 and has served faithfully for forty-one years; and

WHEREAS, under Mary Anne's leadership, Hephzibah expanded from being a daycare center with an annual budget of \$100,000 to a nationally recognized child welfare agency with an array of interrelated programs including two group homes, over 70 specialized foster homes, after-school programs serving over 500 children, a head start and infant head start program, a summer daycare program and family counseling services with an annual budget of over \$9 million; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1977, Mary Anne Brown was selected as one of the Outstanding Young Women of 1977, named into the Who's Who in American Women in 1980 and included among Who's Who in American in 1983; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, Mary Anne was awarded the 2002 Benjamin Gingiss Service Award by the Illinois Humane Society, given to an outstanding person who serves vulnerable children, received the Excellence in Community Leadership Award from Concordia University in 2003, and received the 2004 William C. Staszak Award from the Oak Park Education Foundation for her outstanding contributions to the children of Oak Park; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Brown was named one of the Hundred Most Influential Women by Crain's Chicago Business in 2004 and most recently received the Clarke College Distinguished Alumni Award for Outstanding Achievement in 2007 as well as being awarded an honorary Doctorate Degree from Dominican University; and

WHEREAS, during Mary Anne's tenure as Executive Director, Hephzibah became known as the "Home with a Heart" and numerous specialized programs were initiated: Hephzibah Huskies, Heart Mate Volunteers and the Summer Ready Academy, to name a few.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park, that the warm appreciation of a grateful community be extended to Mary Anne Brown for the gracious manner in which she executed her duties as Executive Director of Hephzibah Children's Association and that she be presented with a copy of this Resolution which will be entered into the official records of the Village of Oak Park.

ADOPTED this 5TH day of June, 2017

Anan Abu-Taleb, Village President

ATTEST:

Vicki Scaman, Village Clerk