

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MARK STEPHENS’  
25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY AS  
CHAIRMAN OF THE TRITON COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**WHEREAS**, Mark Stephens, a lifelong area resident, showed tremendous academic potential at a young age by graduating from East Leyden High School in three years, going on to attain a Bachelor’s Degree in Business and a Juris Doctor Degree from DePaul University, while also taking classes at Triton College; and

**WHEREAS**, Chairman Stephens was elected as Vice Chairman of the Triton College Board of Trustees in 1991, assuming the Chair position in 1992; and

**WHEREAS**, during the first decade under Mark Stephens’ leadership, Triton College grew to support the needs of the community by recognizing the necessity for technical training in the burgeoning computer field of the 1990’s, by opening their Multicultural Center in 1996 and by establishing a Child Development Center to care for the children of students, faculty and staff, making education more accessible to those with families; and

**WHEREAS**, Chairman Stephens has prioritized financial stability and institutional efficiency, using his business acumen and legal experience to balance a budget and create reserves in the event of future financial unpredictability. Through the hard work and dedication of staff and faculty under the leadership of Chairman Stephens, Triton College has remained a financially sound institution; and

**WHEREAS**, Chairman Stephens has led a vision for Triton College to continue to offer the best facilities for students and has unveiled a newly renovated H Building, Athletic Complex, Greenhouse, Cernan Space Center, Demonstration Kitchen and many other campus facility improvements designed to maximize the student experience; and

**WHEREAS**, over his 25-year tenure as Chairman of the Board, Mark Stephens’ steadfast leadership and dedication to serving students remains constant. Through his tireless efforts, Triton College has uplifted the community through education, changing the lives of thousands of members of the Triton College community.

**NOW THEREFORE** I, Anan Abu-Taleb, President of the Village of Oak Park and the Board of Trustees, do hereby congratulate and thank Mark Stephens for 25 years of service as Chairman of the Triton College Board of Trustees and wish him many future years of success.

**DATED** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

**ATTEST:**

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Anan Abu-Taleb, Village President

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Vicki Scaman, Village Clerk