A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING "MERINO WAY" AS AN HONORARY STREET NAME AND PROVIDING FOR LOCATION OF A SIGN ON PARK LANE AT THE INTERSECTION OF FIRST STREET.

WHEREAS, Richard "Rich" Merino was a lifelong resident of Hudson, born on April 7, 1921, in the historic Baldwin, Buss, Merino house on Hudson's Village Green, where he resided for most of his life; and

WHEREAS, Rich was an accomplished high school athlete, who led Hudson's basketball team to a county championship in 1938, played football with NFL Hall of Fame member Dante Lavelli, was named the Most Valuable Player of the football team in 1939, was inducted into the Hudson High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2012, and remained an avid golfer and sports fan throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Rich graduated from Hudson High School in 1940 and served in the United States Navy during World War II; and

WHEREAS, in 1946, Rich and his father established Merino's Beer and Wine, and Rich owned and managed the store until 2014; and

WHEREAS, Rich's warm and friendly personality made him a beloved and admired member of the community throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2016, Rich passed away at the age of 95; and

WHEREAS, shortly thereafter, the City received a letter, supported by over 300 current and former Hudson residents, requesting that Park Lane be named in Rich Merino's honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Council of the City of Hudson, County of Summit, State of Ohio, that:

<u>Section 1.</u> The City Manager is authorized and directed to locate an honorary street name sign, designating "*Merino Way*," the design of which is incorporated herein as Exhibit A, on Park Lane at the intersection of First Street.

Section 2. This Council, on behalf of itself and the residents of the City, recognizes Rich Merino's contributions to and impact on the community as a lifelong resident of Hudson.

Section 3. A copy of this Resolution shall be presented to Rich Merino's family.

<u>Section 4.</u> This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED:

David A. Basil, Mayor

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on ______, 2016.

Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council

Exhibit A

