

## Special Recognition of Liz Murphy

WHEREAS, Liz owned the Learned Owl Book Shop for 30 years until 2013 and was the President of the Great Lakes Independent Booksellers during that time; and

**WHEREAS**, Liz brought many authors to town, including Bob Feller of the Cleveland Indians, Lady Soames, and children's authors Eric Carle and Jan Brett; and

WHEREAS, while owner of the Learned Owl Book Shop, Liz created three Harry Potter Extravaganzas that earned international attention, the last of which brought 14,000 people to the City; and

WHEREAS, Liz played a role in the creation of Destination Hudson, formed to educate residents and visitors of all Hudson has to offer, recently retiring as their Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, Liz served as the unofficial Chair of the Merchants of Hudson, helping to revitalize the group and started the Merchants Trick-or-Treat and Holiday Walk, in addition to being an instrumental part of the Shop Local, Shop Hudson team that formed in 2020 and collaborated with the City, The Chamber, Destination Hudson and the Merchants; and

WHEREAS, Liz serves as the Chair of the Lighting Committee of Hudson Community Service Association, and worked with the Hudson League for Service to combine Lighting of the Green and Caroling on the Green to create an even larger and more joyful community event; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Murphy was awarded the Good Day in Hudson Citizen of the Year award in 2011, and described as one of Liz's favorite honors, she was also awarded the Jimmy Sutphin Award of the Rotary Club of Hudson, which recognizes Hudson community leaders who closely reflect the "Service Above Self" standard.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor of the City of Hudson, Ohio, do hereby recognize Liz Murphy on her community efforts and celebrate a retirement so well-deserved.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF:

I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Hudson to be affixed on this  $2^{nd}$  day of September, 2025.

Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor City of Hudson, Ohio