



RESOLUTION NO. 16-05

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THOMAS MICHAEL
AND PROVIDING AN HONORARY DESIGNATION OF THE
1200 BLOCK OF ASHLAND AVENUE AS "THOMAS 'THE BIG GUY' MICHAEL WAY"**

WHEREAS, Thomas Michael serves as a member of the River Forest Service Club and is a Charter Member of the Kiwanis Club of River Forest and Oak Park and was elected to serve as Lt. Governor of Kiwanis and assist several Kiwanis Clubs in the western suburbs; and

WHEREAS, Tom Michael, upon marrying his wife, Lorrie, 57 years ago, moved to River Forest from Milwaukee and raised seven children at 1227 Ashland Ave.; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Michael has been active in many community activities including serving as a Cub Scoutmaster, co-founding a girls' softball league, participating in the Doug Collins Bulls Fantasy Camp for youth at Rosary College, and participating in the Boys Club of America, and;

WHEREAS, Thomas Michael was and continues to be a dedicated and passionate citizen who tirelessly contributes to the betterment of the River Forest community and was celebrated as a "60 over 60" honoree during Celebrating Seniors Week 2014, recognized for his significant contributions to our community and beyond, including his "Big Guy Food Drive" for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Michael has been the "Big Guy" on the 1200 block of Ashland Ave. each year during the annual Memorial Day Parade providing recognition to the many groups and organizations that make our community a special place to live and raise a family.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of River Forest, Cook County, Illinois that the Board, for its members and the citizens of the Village of River Forest, extend deepest and sincerest gratitude to Thomas Michael and upon the celebration of his 80th birthday, present this Resolution to him as a symbol of gratitude for the high quality of community service which he has rendered.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

SECTION 1. The 1200 block of Ashland Avenue shall have a secondary designation as "Thomas 'The Big Guy' Michael Way."

SECTION 2. The Board of Trustees requests that the Village place an honorary street name sign at the intersection of Ashland Avenue and Division St., which shall reflect the "Thomas 'The Big Guy' Michael " designation.

SECTION 3. By this Resolution, the Board of Trustees does not intend to affect any existing or future signage that reflects the secondary designation of Ashland Avenue, with the exception of the honorary sign described in Section 2 of this Resolution.

SECTION 4: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

Passed on a roll call vote of the Corporate Authorities on the 27th day of June, 2016.

AYES: Trustees Cargie, Colwell-Steinke, Conti, Corsini, Dwyer, and Gibbs

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

APPROVED by me this 12th day of July, 2016


Village Clerk


Village President