



**RESOLUTION NO. 17-10**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING MARY ANNE BROWN FOR HER SERVICE TO THE  
HEPHZIBAH CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION**

**WHEREAS**, Mary Anne Brown has served as the Hephzibah Children's Association's Executive Director since 1976; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Anne Brown earned an M.A. from the Institute of Child Behavior and Development, University of Iowa, and a B.A. in Psychology and Chemistry, Clarke College, Dubuque, IA, where she graduated Phi Beta Kappa; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Anne Brown was named United Way Executive Director of the Year in 1992 and selected by Oak Park's Oak Leaves newspaper as one of the most influential people in Oak Park, and was awarded the 2002 Benjamin Gingiss Service Award by the Illinois Humane Society, an award that is given annually to an outstanding person who serves vulnerable children; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Brown was appointed to serve as a federal monitor in the 1998 BH Consent Decree in Illinois against the Department of Child and Family Services and was a state monitor for a major child welfare agency in Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, under Mary Anne's leadership, Hephzibah expanded from being a day care 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 (a short-term diagnostic center for abused and neglected children and a residential program for children age 3-11), over 70 specialized foster homes, after school programs serving over 500 children, a head start and infant head start program, a summer day care program and family counseling services with an annual budget over \$9 million; and

**WHEREAS**, during her tenure as Executive Director, Hephzibah became known as the "Home with a Heart" and numerous specialized programs were initiated: Hephzibah Huskies, Heart Mate Volunteers, the Summer Ready Academy and Camp HepSibah (a sibling camp for children) to name a few;

**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 Mary Anne Brown, and present this Resolution to her as a symbol of gratitude for the high quality of community service which she has rendered.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that:

**SECTION 1.** The 7500 block of Lake Street shall have a secondary designation as "Mary Anne Brown Way."

**SECTION 2.** The Board of Trustees requests that the Village place an honorary street name sign at the intersection of Monroe Avenue and Lake Street, which shall reflect the "Mary Anne Brown" 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 Lake Street, 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 2017.

**AYES:** Trustees Cargie, Corsini, Henek, Gibbs, and Vazquez

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Trustee Conti

Catherine Adduci, Village President

**APPROVED** by me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 2017

  
Kathleen Brand-White, Village Clerk