

**VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS
RESOLUTION 2025- 046**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NAMING OF THE VILLAGE HALL OF VERNON HILLS, ILLINOIS AFTER FORMER VILLAGE PRESIDENT ROGER L. BYRNE

WHEREAS, former Village President Roger L. Byrne and his wife Cathy have lived in the Village of Vernon Hills since 1977, moving to the Village from the City of Chicago to become one of the first homeowners in the Deerpath neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Roger has served this community tirelessly, beginning in 1987 as Village Trustee, until being elected Village President beginning in 1993; and

WHEREAS, during his 38 years of public service, Roger advocated for the best interests of all, believing in the importance of communication and collaboration to do what is best for all residents, businesses, and non-profit partners; and

WHEREAS, Roger has been instrumental in bringing all entities to the table and ensuring that our schools, park district, library, and fire protection districts receive the support they need to be among the best in the nation; and

WHEREAS, during his incumbency, the Village of Vernon Hills grew tremendously. Resident population increased from 9,827 in 1980 to 26,850 in 2020 as the Village added several new, well planned housing developments and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, businesses flocked to the Village, including nearly 300 restaurants and retailers. Vernon Hills businesses are some of the largest employers in the region as the community is home to hundreds of small businesses and large corporations, including several world headquarters and Fortune 500 companies; and

WHEREAS, Roger played an integral part in creating the Vernon Hills Athletic Complex which since 2001 has served athletes and families from the wider region and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, other efforts that benefited from Roger's hard work and support include the creation of Vernon Hills High School, the development of Mellody Farm, the rebirth of Hawthorn Mall, and the annexation and development of what became the Gregg's Landing subdivision; and

WHEREAS, Roger has been a leader not only for the Village of Vernon Hills, but also for the entire region. As only the ninth Village President for the Village - and by far the longest serving - he has overseen the growth of our community as we moved from tracts of empty farm fields to become an award-winning community filled with vibrant neighborhoods, strong businesses, outstanding schools, and exceptional services; and

WHEREAS, the legacy of Roger L. Byrne will continue as we follow the path he has set for us. Together we will continue to be a community that values partnership, collaboration, and continuous improvement for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees would like to join the entire Vernon Hills Community in honoring and thanking former Village President Roger L. Byrne for his inexhaustible efforts and unwavering dedication to our Village and the wider region, by naming the Village of Vernon Hills Village Hall the “Roger L. Byrne Village Hall”.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Incorporation. Each recital above is incorporated by reference into this Section 1 and made a part hereof as material and operative provisions of this Resolution.

SECTION 2: Approval of Building Renaming. The Village Hall of the Village of Vernon Hills shall hereby be renamed the “Roger L. Byrne Village Hall” and appropriate signage shall be installed memorializing this designation.

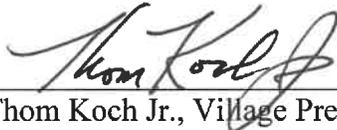
SECTION 3: Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective after its passage and approval as provided by State law.

Adopted by roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 7 – Marquardt, Oppenheim, Takaoka, Forster, Schenk, Lundeen, Koch

NAYS: 0 - None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: None


Thom Koch Jr., Village President

PASSED: 09/02/2025

APPROVED: 09/02/2025

ATTEST: 09/02/2025


Kevin Timony, Village Clerk

