

VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS
RESOLUTION 2021-005

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ILLINOIS HOUSE BILL 3372 – AMENDING THE FLAG
DISPLAY ACT BY ADDING SECTION 11

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has a statute governing the display of United States national flags, MIA flag; and State of Illinois flag; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois statute governs the display of United States national flags at State institutions, County, Village Hall and/or Square, court houses, public school buildings, and principle entrance to all public parks; and

WHEREAS, the current Illinois Flag Display Act (465/10) defines protocols for whom the Governor shall issue official notice to fly the United States national flag at half-staff upon their death and for how long; and

WHEREAS, On March 17 2020, Governor Pritzker issued an Executive stating “that all person or entities covered by the Illinois Flag Display Act are to fly the flags at half-staff in honor and remembrance of *All Who Have Perished from COVID-19 in the Land of Lincoln,*” and

WHEREAS, the Village of Vernon Hills fully appreciates and is saddened by the gravity of the losses associated with the pandemic, however by maintaining the current Flag order for nearly one year and counting has diminished the honor and thus created a situation where the public-at-large has become numb to the Flag continuing to be at half-staff; and

WHEREAS, continuing to display the flag at half-staff diminishes the sacrifices made by military service members, law enforcement officers, and firefighters killed in the line of duty, as well as the deaths of notable public figures such as Governor James Thompson and Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg, by not allowing the State to properly honor them for their sacrifices; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 3372 further defines whom a flag may be lowered to half-staff, and will limit the length of time flags can be lowered to half-staff for a single event in Illinois to the Federal maximum, which is currently 30 days (Death of a President) and enumerated in Section 7 of the United States Flag Code, and

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Vernon Hills supports Illinois House Bill 3372 and its intent to mirror Section 7 of the United States Flag Code.

Dated this 16th day of March, 2021

Adopted by roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 7 – Schultz, Koch, Takaoka, Oppenheim, Marquardt, Forster, Byrne

NAYS: 0 – None

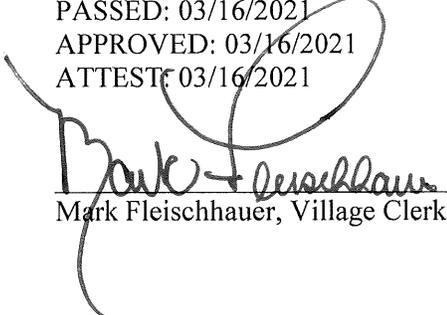
ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 0 - None

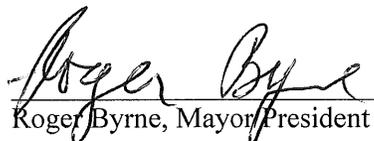
Motion carried.

PASSED: 03/16/2021

APPROVED: 03/16/2021

ATTEST: 03/16/2021


Mark Fleischhauer, Village Clerk


Roger Byrne, Mayor/President