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### **-P-R-O-C-L-A-M-A-T-I-O-N-**

#### **"Recognizing the Retirement of Library Board Trustee Elizabeth Topa"**

**WHEREAS**, Elizabeth Topa, an active Trustee for the Evergreen Park Public Library is retiring from the Board in April of 2023, and

**WHEREAS**, Elizabeth received a Bachelor of Arts in English with minors in History and Secondary Education from Edgewood College in Wisconsin, and

**WHEREAS**, Elizabeth received a Master's in English from Saint Xavier University, and

**WHEREAS**, she served as a high school English teacher at Thornton Township High School, District 205 in Harvey, Illinois, for thirty-four years, inspiring countless numbers of students and creating lifelong friendships with many faculty and staff, and

**WHEREAS**, after retirement from teaching, Elizabeth continued her journey as a lifelong learner, specifically of interest, James Joyce, family ancestry, and Great Britain's Royal Family, especially Queen Elizabeth, and

**WHEREAS**, Elizabeth supports many causes, including Mercy Home for Boys and Girls and, Misericordia, and

**WHEREAS**, Elizabeth finds love and friendship in her dearest family and friends, specifically the memory of her husband, her children, four grandchildren, her daughter's beloved German Shepherd, and her two groups of lifelong friends, and

**WHEREAS**, Elizabeth Topa served twenty years on the Evergreen Park Public Library Board of Trustees from 2004-2023; holding the position of Secretary and Treasurer lending her expertise to capital projects, fundraising, library programs, and the Library renovation in 2006/2007.

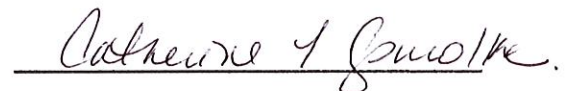
**WHEREAS**, we offer our sincere and heartfelt congratulation to Elizabeth Topa on her retirement from the Evergreen Park Public Library Board of Trustees. We extend our gratitude and appreciation for her many years of service to the Library and to our community.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> Day of April, 2023



Kelly Burke, Mayor





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