

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Jim Ollgaard was born to Doris and Verner Ollgaard, raised in the City of South Haven, worked during his high school years in the veterinary office of Dr. W. R. Johnston and for Sherman's Dairy and developed his lifelong interest in clocks through Richard Appleyard, a local photographer and clock collector; and

WHEREAS, Jim Ollgaard is a graduate of South Haven High School and Michigan State University, graduating with a degree in English Literature; and has three daughters, Chris, Liz and Anna; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Jim Ollgaard worked in the rubber industry, locally and out-of-state, in fabrication, client retention and sales; managed, for Goodwill Industries, a facility in Kalamazoo which provided employment for people with special needs; repaired clocks as a sideline until opening his business, Time Pieces, in Portage, Michigan, and

WHEREAS, due to his interest in history, including that of the City of South Haven, Jim Ollgaard was part of the group that, in 2002, founded HASH, the Historical Association of South Haven, where he currently serves as Vice-President/Secretary; and

WHEREAS, Jim Ollgaard has served his community in various ways, including, but not limited to, serving on the Parks Commission of the City of South Haven, Celery Pond Advocates, the Democratic Club and most recently, the efforts of HASH to obtain and restore the iconic South Haven lighthouse; and

WHEREAS, Jim Ollgaard has generously dedicated his time and energy to fundraising with HASH as they worked to bring to fruition the dream of restoring and maintaining the iconic South Haven light; and

WHEREAS, Jim and the others who worked to "Save the light" were energized by the enthusiasm and generosity of over 1,500 people, both local and from out of state, who donated funds to ensure that the lighthouse, once restored to pristine condition, shall continue to provide enjoyment for locals and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, with fundraising goals met, interior work completed and exterior restoration progressing, Jim Ollgaard can take pride in the efforts he and the many volunteers and donors have put forth so the South Pier lighthouse may stand as a reminder of the maritime history of the City of South Haven for many years to come; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of South Haven wishes to recognize Jim Ollgaard and express appreciation for his dedicated service to the City of South Haven and the community as a whole.

Robert G. Burr, Mayor
City of South Haven
Presented this day of October 2016

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WHEREAS, Ed Appleyard was born to Richard and Allegra Appleyard and raised in the city of South Haven, graduated from South Haven High School, attended Western Michigan University and served four years in the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, Ed Appleyard worked in the family business, Appleyard Photography, for over 20 years before going to work for Consumers Power at Palisades, and having, with his wife Dorothy, raised two daughters, they are blessed with four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, contributing significant time, energy and resources to preserve the history of his beloved community; Ed volunteered for the city's Centennial Celebration and many other organizations and events over the years; and

WHEREAS, due to his great appreciation for the city of his birth, in 2002 Ed Appleyard was motivated to found the Historical Association of South Haven, commonly known as HASH, where he is a member of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Ed Appleyard has been a champion of many worthwhile community causes, including, but not limited to, spearheading the efforts for HASH to obtain and restore the iconic South Haven lighthouse and serving as project manager for its restoration; and

WHEREAS, Ed Appleyard has generously dedicated his time and expertise not only to brainstorm ways to raise the funds needed for this huge restoration effort but also to personally take on the task of combating graffiti on the lighthouse, as he has been observed on many early mornings adding another coat of paint to the historic structure; and

WHEREAS, while Ed Appleyard has given countless hours of service to the community, his crowning accomplishment may very well be found in his determination to acquire and restore the iconic South pier lighthouse and in his confidence that there were enough residents and visitors who cared about the light as much as he does to make it possible; and

WHEREAS, with fundraising goals met and interior and exterior restoration progressing, Ed Appleyard has realized his dream that the South Pier lighthouse will stand to represent the history of South Haven and for all to enjoy for many years into the future; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of South Haven wishes to recognize Ed Appleyard and express appreciation for his dedicated service to the City of South Haven and the community as a whole.

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