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City Council Agenda Item

Subject: Proclamation recognizing the Kiwanis Club of Forest Park – Executive Office

Submitted By: Ricky L. Clark, Jr., City Manager

Date Submitted: May 23, 2023

Work Session Date: June 5, 2023

Council Meeting Date: June 5, 2023

Background/History:

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child, one community at a time. Kiwanis Club of Forest Park has been honored to serve the community since 1923. All of our fundraising efforts are done to help the children of Forest Park.

Our group has supported: Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Youth Soccer, Little League, Community Center, Food Pantry, Park District of Forest Park, VFW, St. Bernadine's Parish, PMSA (Proviso Math & Science Academy, Juneteenth, Historical Society, NJHS (National Junior Honors Society), Opportunity Knocks, Cinderella Project, School Band, Youth Literacy and The Eliminate Project (Neo-natal Tetanus), Smile Train, and Spastic Paralysis. Kiwanis is an international, coeducational service club founded in 1915. It is headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana. Current membership is 240,000 members in 7,700 clubs in 80 countries.

The name "Kiwanis" was coined from the Ojibwe language. The organization's founders translated it as "We build", which became the original motto of Kiwanis.

In 2005 the organization chose a new motto, "Serving the Children of the World". Members of the club are called Kiwanians.

Kiwanis International is headed by a Board of Trustees, an International President, and other officers. These officers are elected at the annual convention of Kiwanis International. There are fifty-three administrative districts, each headed by a Governor, and the districts are further divided into service areas called divisions, comprising 12 to 20 clubs and headed by a Lieutenant Governor. Every club has a president and board of directors.

Cost: \$

Budgeted for: _____ Yes _____ No

Financial Impact:

Action Requested from Council: