

## CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Grosse Pointe Woods takes great pride in commemorating the **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of EDMUND T. AHEE JEWELERS** and its service to our community, and

WHEREAS, **AHEE JEWELERS** has been owned and operated on Mack Avenue in the city of Grosse Pointe Woods by the Ahee Family since 1968 after outgrowing its previous locations since 1947; and

WHEREAS, the company was founded out of a deep love of bringing happiness to others in the form of quality products that evoke joy and celebration, coupled with exceptional customer service; and

WHEREAS, because of Edmund's pride for his work and dedication to his customers, **AHEE JEWELERS** flourished within its small space inside his uncle's bowling alley, which ultimately allowed Edmund to purchase and move the business to its current Mack and Oxford location. With his wife Bettejean's help and vision, he transformed the building from a car dealership to the stunning showroom it is today; and

WHEREAS, over the years, **AHEE JEWELERS** has continued to expand the business with the creation of a design studio and workshop in 1976, a watch service center in 2008 and an extensive storefront expansion and remodel in 2018, which included a new boutique for luxury watchmakers; and

WHEREAS, during its 75 years, the company has received several local, national and international awards and recognitions, including those for beautification, jewelry design, hospitality and customer service; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing excellent service and products, **AHEE JEWELERS** has a long-standing history of giving back to the community. Its philanthropic efforts include multiple donations to local organizations and the creation and hosting of an annual Capuchin Souper Celebration, which to date has raised over \$7 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, after Edmund's passing in 1999 and the passing of his mother-in-law Jennie, son Edmund, wife Bettejean and son John in years thereafter, the Ahee children, grandchildren and extended family, continue to run the business in the spirit of giving customers more than they expect, one of Edmund's founding principles.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARTHUR W. BRYANT, Mayor of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan on behalf of the City Council, our residents, and me congratulate and thank **AHEE JEWELERS and the AHEE FAMILY** for their dedicated service to our community over the past 75 years.

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Arthur W. Bryant  
Mayor  
November 21, 2022