

**R-3245**

**A Resolution Honoring Denise J. McGrath  
on her retirement from the Village of Homewood**

**WHEREAS**, Denise McGrath joined the Homewood Police Department on May 1, 1995 as a full-time police officer. Denise previously worked as a police officer in South Holland and as a Public Safety Dispatcher for the Homewood Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Denise McGrath received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Safety Administration from Calumet College of St. Joseph in 2008 and her Master of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from Governors State University in 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, Denise McGrath graduated from Northwestern University Traffic Institute's School of Police Staff and Command in 2011 where she was elected by her classmates to the position of Co-Activities Director; and

**WHEREAS**, Denise McGrath was promoted to the rank of Police Sergeant in 2008, appointed as Deputy Chief in 2012, and appointed as Chief of Police on February 26, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Denise McGrath has had many special assignments during her career, including Field Training Officer, Detective, Accident Investigator, Field Training Coordinator, Detective Sergeant, and Range Master; and

**WHEREAS**, Denise McGrath received the Cook County Sheriff's Award of Merit in 1999 and again in 2002, and has received numerous Letters of Appreciation and Commendations during her career; and

**WHEREAS**, Denise McGrath serves on the Board of Directors for the South Suburban Family Shelter as well as for the Homewood Police Association, which she is a founding member of; and

**WHEREAS**, Denise McGrath is an avid runner and has completed several marathons and half marathons, including the Chicago, New York City, and Boston Marathons; and

**WHEREAS**, Denise McGrath is a wealth of knowledge, a team builder, a go-to, an exemplary leader, a trusted confidant, an advocate for fairness and equity, extending second chances, and offering others a clean slate; and

**WHEREAS**, Denise McGrath is an innovator, a quintessential leader, glass-ceiling-breaker, leader, mentor, and word keeper; and

**WHEREAS**, Denise McGrath is a de-facto and unlicensed (but highly effective) psychiatrist, counselor, and attorney; and

**WHEREAS**, Denise McGrath, through her servant leadership style of leading, has transformed the Homewood Police Department into a more cohesive, highly moraled, and engaged department that serves Homewood with professionalism and pride; and

**WHEREAS**, Denise McGrath is a leader who is respected and held in high esteem by her friends, professional peers, department heads, elected leaders and members of the community for conducting herself and representing the Village of Homewood with the utmost concern for safety, fairness, service, enthusiasm, and professionalism.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois, that

***Denise J. McGrath***

be honored and commended for thirty years of outstanding, dedicated service to the citizens of Homewood. On behalf of the citizens of Homewood, the President and Board of Trustees hereby extend their best wishes to Chief McGrath as she enters her retirement.

This Resolution passed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

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Village President, Rich Hofeld

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Village Clerk, Nakina Flores

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_\_\_ Absent: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstentions: \_\_\_\_\_