

\*The parts that were left out are in italics. The edits were well-done, though, so that the document reads as follows:

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the Downers Grove Area Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), encompassing Downers Grove, Darien, Westmont, Woodridge, and Lisle, is celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, *having been founded in March of 1949 by Lucille Bush and officially recognized by the National Association on August 29, 1949;* and

WHEREAS the Downers Grove Area AAUW *earnestly* supports the national organization's mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research; and

WHEREAS this branch of AAUW has held an Annual Used Book Sale, *founded by Maggie Cantrall of Downers Grove*, for 61 years, *and this sale provides a community service by: a. allowing citizens to donate rather than destroy their used books, b. allowing the public to then purchase these quality paperbacks and hard-covers at a generous discount, and c. thus providing AAUW money to fund several substantial scholarships for local women returning to school, as well as support important initiatives and projects on the national level;* and

*WHEREAS this branch of AAUW has participated in important gender equity-related activities, such as leading Sexual Harassment Curriculum Workshops for students and staff in 1995 at Downers Grove North High School as part of the Downers Grove "Initiative for Educational Equality" Task Force, and has continued to support this issue by offering programs open to the public on related topics such as the pay gap, combating sex trafficking, and "women in history" role models who faced gender bias; and*

WHEREAS this branch of AAUW has participated in or held community events, *sometimes with other groups*, such as 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parades, Equal Pay Day Marches, Candidate Forums, and Voter Registration Drives; and

WHEREAS this branch of AAUW provides leadership for Tech Savvy Conferences with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) workshops for girls, and *has for the past 7 years*, and *also* has participated *and will continue to do so* in Dare To Dream motivational conferences *that help Latina girls appreciate higher education as key to an empowered future;* and

WHEREAS this branch of AAUW continues to educate its own members and give them opportunities for personal and professional growth, through book discussions, salary negotiation *webinars and* workshops, and engagement in the political process concerning legislation that positively affects women and girls, *among other things; and*

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Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019, at Downers Grove, Illinois.  
Signed, Mayor Bob Barnett

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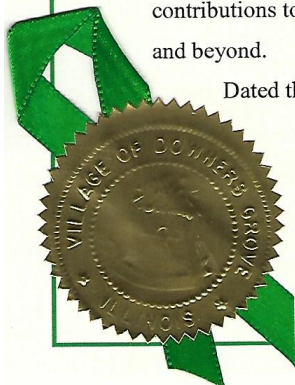
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