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Board Matter
Recognizing Judith Dittman

Members of the Board,

After 30 years of service with Second Story, a nonprofit organization dedicated to transforming the lives of youth and families in need, Judith Dittman is retiring at the end of the year. Aside from its original initiative, Second Story for Teens in Crisis, every program operated by Second Story was developed and launched under Judith's extraordinary leadership. Her vision and commitment have profoundly impacted thousands of young people and families, providing them with critical support, resources, and opportunities for a brighter future.

Beyond her work at Second Story, Judith has been a trailblazer in the nonprofit sector, contributing to the advancement of programs and policies at the local and national levels. Her year as a Leadership Fellow with The Nonprofit Roundtable of Greater Washington, in partnership with the Aspen Institute and the University of Maryland, resulted in the launch of the Homeless Youth Initiative, addressing a critical need in our community.

Locally, Judith has been an integral member of Fairfax County's efforts to address homelessness. She played a key role in the countywide initiative to develop a ten-year plan to prevent and end homelessness. At the national level, she continues to guide as a member of the Policy Advisory Committee for the National Network for Youth. Judith's expertise has shaped national standards for programs supporting runaway and homeless youth through her contributions as a panelist and a Board Member for the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act. She also served for four years as a Board Member for the Runaway Homeless Youth Training, Technical Assistance, and Capacity Building Center (RHYTTAC) and the MidAtlantic Network for Youth (now Youth Collaboratory) for three years.

Judith's unwavering dedication to improving the lives of vulnerable youth and her legacy of leadership will continue to inspire all who work in this field. As she retires, we thank Judith for her incredible service and wish her all the best in the next chapter of her life.

Therefore, without objection, I move that a proclamation be prepared and presented to Judith Dittman at a future Board meeting to honor her many years of dedicated service in Fairfax County.