

RESOLUTION NO. 19-2

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF BECOMING A DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST, Cook County, Illinois desires to improve and enhance the quality of life for its residents within the VILLAGE; and

WHEREAS, someone in the world develops dementia every three seconds and there are an estimated 47 million people worldwide living with dementia; and

WHEREAS, the Village of River Forest recognizes the changing of its needs of its community and the importance to address the necessities of its aging population including those suffering from dementia; and

WHEREAS, the Village has partnered with many stakeholders throughout the community including resident Helen Kwan, Dr. Lydia Manning and the Concordia Center for Gerontology, Dr. Raj Shah and Rush Hospital Alzheimer's Disease Center, River Forest Township, Loyola University, and Marc Blesoff who facilitates Conscious Aging Workshops and Wise Aging Workshops; and

WHEREAS, the Village has trained its first responders to better serve those suffering with dementia including creating a program that identifies those suffering with dementia with a red bracelet; and

WHEREAS, in January 2019, the tremendous efforts of the stakeholders culminated when Dementia Friendly America formally recognized the Village of River Forest as a part of their network of communities becoming only the fifth governmental agency to be recognized in the State of Illinois.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: That each Whereas paragraph above is incorporated by reference into this Section 1 and made a part hereof of this Resolution.

SECTION 2: That the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of River Forest, Cook County, Illinois graciously accepts the Dementia Friendly America Community Designation.

SECTION 3: The Village continues to pledge its support to this important initiative.

SECTION 4: That this Resolution shall be effective immediately from and after its passage and approval.

ADOPTED this 11th day of February, 2019, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: CARGIE, CONTI, CORSINI, GIBBS, HENEK, VAZQUEZ

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

APPROVED this 11th day of February, by the Village President of the Village of River Forest, and attested by the Village Clerk, on the same day.



Catherine Adduci, Village President

ATTEST:



Kathleen Brand-White, Village Clerk