



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
Thomas M. Poynton

**PROCLAMATION HONORING FIRE CHIEF JOHN MALCOLM UPON HIS RETIREMENT  
FROM THE VILLAGE OF LAKE ZURICH AFTER 5 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE**

**WHEREAS**, Chief Malcolm began his fire service career with the Village of Lake Zurich Fire Rescue Department on October 19, 2015 after what was already a successful career with the Mount Prospect Fire Department for 29 years, including 5 years as the Fire Chief in that community; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Malcolm emphasized to the members of the LZFD that we are people providing service and care to the people in the communities, which helped create the new Mission Statement and Core Values of the department; and

**WHEREAS**, he was a huge supporter of public education – he implemented and was active on three social media platforms to ensure safety messages get out to the public. He also attended countless school visits to speak of fire safety.

**WHEREAS**, he was passionate about Operation North Pole and made sure to attend every year – which influenced many members to be involved and attend as well. Operation North Pole is a volunteer-based public charity that provides a magical fantasy trip to the North Pole for a family with a child battling a life-threatening illness; and

**WHEREAS**, he implemented numerous new software platforms to ensure the department was running efficiently including updated software for scheduling, policies, and NFIRS reporting.

**WHEREAS**, he was an advocate for department pride – helping to redesign the Lake Zurich Fire Department logo and displaying this logo at all the Stations - including separate logos for each station for added station pride.

**WHEREAS**, Chief Malcolm retired from the Lake Zurich Fire Department on February 15, 2021.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that I, Mayor Tom Poynton, on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the citizens of Lake Zurich, do hereby recognize the contribution that Chief Malcolm has made to the residents of the Village of Lake Zurich during his successful career in the fire service. I extend my personal best wishes in his well-deserved retirement and for continued success in life's pursuits.

Dated this 16<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2021.



In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of this Village to be affixed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Poynton".

Tom Poynton, Mayor of Lake Zurich