



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Thomas M. Poynton

**PROCLAMATION HONORING LAKE ZURICH RESIDENT ALLAN TITOV ON BEING A TOP RANKED JUDO CHAMPION**

**WHEREAS**, Allan Titov began the pursuit of excellence in the art of judo martial arts as a noble and disciplined endeavor that fosters the development of physical prowess, mental acuity, and unwavering sportsmanship; and

**WHEREAS**, Allan was raised in Lake Zurich, being a resident of our community since January 2017 and is currently wrapping up his last year at May Whitney Elementary School, moving onto Lake Zurich Middle School North in Fall 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, through countless hours of rigorous training, steadfast determination, and a commitment to the principles of judo, Allan is quickly ascending to the pinnacle of achievements; and

**WHEREAS**, Allan's passion for judo has led him to compete at local, state, national and international competitions, including the U.S. Open and Junior Olympics Judo Championships; and

**WHEREAS**, Allan has joined the European Judo Academy and under the guidance of World Judo Champion sensei Gela Kelikhashvili, Allan was recognized by the USA Judo Federation in 2021, 2022, and 2023 for being ranked the #1 National Judo Champion in his age and weight divisions; and

**WHEREAS**, Allan is training five days a week to meet his goal of competing at the Olympics in Los Angeles in July 2028 representing the United States of America. Allan's exceptional contributions to the sport and the embodiment of the spirit of judo shall stand as a symbol of excellence and an inspiration to current and future generations of judo practitioners.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that I, Mayor Tom Poynton, on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the people of Lake Zurich, do hereby recognize the outstanding achievements so far of Allan Titov in becoming a top-ranked judo champion and for his future endeavors representing Team USA on the Olympic world stage.

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2024.

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

The official seal of the Village of Lake Zurich, featuring a central figure and the text "VILLAGE OF LAKE ZURICH" around the border.

Tom Poynton, Mayor of Lake Zurich