



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
Thomas M. Poynton

**PROCLAMATION HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF LAKE ZURICH FLAMES
YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING**

WHEREAS, the Lake Zurich Flames, founded in 1974 by a dedicated group of volunteer firefighters, has grown into one of the largest and most prominent members of The Chicagoland Youth Football League; and

WHEREAS, the Flames proudly serve over 500 participants each year across its Tackle, Flag, and Cheer programs, engaging youth from Kindergarten through 8th grade; and

WHEREAS, the Flames has demonstrated exceptional growth, with record participation in its Flag program this year, and consistently maintains approximately 75% of its Tackle teams making the postseason playoffs and 100% of our cheer teams making the State competition; and

WHEREAS, the Flames operates as a volunteer-run organization, with coaches, assistant coaches, and board members all contributing their time and effort to ensure the success and development of its programs; and

WHEREAS, the Flames is committed to giving back to the community beyond the field through service events such as Adopt-a-Highway, and strives to build athletes with integrity and purpose; and

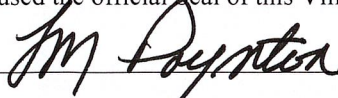
WHEREAS, the Flames honors the memory of past participant Zack Foreman by presenting an award to an athlete who exemplifies leadership, respect, and spirit; and

WHEREAS, the Flames is dedicated to developing its athletes both on and off the field, focusing on leadership, community building, sportsmanship, teamwork, cooperation, fair play, character, and, above all, fun.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Mayor Tom Poynton, on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the residents of Lake Zurich, do hereby acknowledge the Lake Zurich Flames as a long-standing and important piece of what makes keeps our Village at the Heart of Community.

Dated this 16th day of September, 2024.

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



Tom Poynton, Mayor