



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Thomas M. Poynton

**PROCLAMATION HONORING THE 50<sup>TH</sup> 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

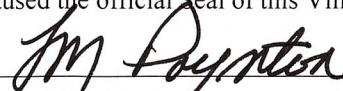
**WHEREAS**, the Flames honors the memory of past participant Zack Foreman by presenting an award to an athlete who exemplifies leadership, respect, and spirit; and

**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 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

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

  
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Tom Poynton, Mayor