



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Thomas M. Poynton

**PROCLAMATION HONORING DEPUTY CHIEF JOHN KELLY UPON RETIREMENT FROM THE  
VILLAGE OF LAKE ZURICH AFTER 36 YEARS OF SERVICE**

**WHEREAS**, John Kelly began a distinguished career in the fire service with the Village of Lake Zurich Fire Department on February 6, 1989; and

**WHEREAS**, He demonstrated outstanding leadership and commitment, earning promotions to Captain on June 24, 1991, Division Chief on May 1, 2013, and Deputy Chief on April 16, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his 36-year career, he contributed greatly to the safety and well-being of the Lake Zurich community; and

**WHEREAS**, John Kelly played a critical role in the opening of three fire stations, significantly enhancing operational capabilities and improving emergency response times; and

**WHEREAS**, he actively served as a member of the Dive Team, the Hazardous Materials Team, and Illinois Task Force 1, providing specialized emergency response in a wide range of challenging situations; and

**WHEREAS**, John Kelly collaborated with the Finance Department to secure over \$1 million in FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grants and helped the department participate in the federally funded Medicaid Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) program, easing financial burdens on the community; and

**WHEREAS**, he also served as a key liaison with the Lake Zurich Rural Fire Protection District during station construction and the installation of dry hydrants, fostering regional cooperation and preparedness; and

**WHEREAS**, John Kelly will officially retire from the Village of Lake Zurich on May 16, 2025.

**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 recognize the remarkable contributions of Deputy Chief John Kelly to the safety, resilience, and progress of our community. I extend my heartfelt congratulations on his retirement and best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

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, reading "Tom Poynton".

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Tom Poynton, Mayor of Lake Zurich