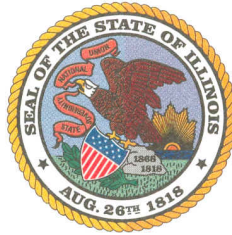


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MEDIA RELEASE

**Associate Judge Donna R. Honzel Receives
Winnebago County Bar Association Award**

ROCKFORD, IL – Chief Judge Eugene G. Doherty is pleased to announce that on June 23rd Associate Judge Donna R. Honzel was honored with the Winnebago County Bar Association Seely Forbes Award. Each year, the Winnebago County Bar Association presents its Seely Forbes Award to a member of the association who best exemplifies Judge Forbes’ characteristics of kindness, courtesy, thoughtfulness, consideration, and moral courage.

Outgoing Winnebago County Bar Association President Douglas Henry commented, “Judge Honzel is a most worthy recipient of the Seely Forbes Award. Throughout her career as a lawyer and judge she has always displayed kindness to her colleagues and the public. She exemplifies the highest ideals of our profession to which we all aspire and serves as a role model of good citizenship to us all.”

“I was completely taken by surprise,” said Judge Honzel. “So many prior recipients have been people I admired and respected and to be included in that group is an incredible honor.”

Judge Honzel received her undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Central Missouri State University in 1988, and a Juris Doctor from the University of Illinois in 1991. She was appointed as an associate judge in December 2015. Judge Honzel is currently assigned to the Civil Division and presides over assigned cases in Winnebago County. She is an active member of the Illinois Judges Association, Illinois State Bar Association, and she is a member and past president of the Winnebago County Bar Association.

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Proclamation

In Recognition of

Festa Italiana Days

August 6 - 8, 2021

WHEREAS, Boylan Catholic High School is hosting the 42nd Annual “Festa Italiana” on August 6th, 7th and 8th, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Festa Italiana is a celebration of Italian culture, entertainment, singing, dancing, crafts and delicious food; and

WHEREAS, it is the longest running festival in Rockford and the second largest festival in Rockford, Illinois with the help of countless volunteers and over 100 chair people; and

WHEREAS, Festa Italiana is the largest fundraiser for the Greater Rockford Italian American Association which raises funds for scholarships for area youth.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Joseph V. Chiarelli, Chairman of the Winnebago County Board, do hereby proclaim August 6th, 7th and 8th, 2021 as:

“FESTA ITALIANA DAYS”

in Winnebago County, and urge all citizens to participate in this ethnic celebration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the County of Winnebago, Illinois to be affixed this 22nd day of July, 2021



Joseph V. Chiarelli, Chairman
Winnebago County Board



Proclamation

In Recognition of

Rockford's Italian Sister City Agreement Reaches 15th Anniversary

WHEREAS, the effort to create an Italian Sister City to Rockford began in 2005 with discussions between citizens and officials from Ferentino, Italy and Rockford, Illinois. On May 15, 2006, Mayor Larry Morrissey of Rockford and Mayor Piergianni Fiorletta of Ferentino, Italy signed a Sister City Agreement at Rockford's City Hall; and

WHEREAS, today Rockford Italian Sister Cities Alliance helps further international understanding, harmony, and peace in the world. It creates and strengthens public and private partnerships in Rockford and Ferentino to stimulate economic development, business opportunities, and educational and cultural programs; and

WHEREAS, Ferentino is an ancient walled hilltop town southeast of Rome with origins in the 1st century B.C. It has three distinct important periods of architecture and pre-Roman ruins. The last remaining Italian social club in south Rockford, the St. Ambrogio Club was founded by immigrants from Ferentino; and

WHEREAS, the people of Ferentino regard Rockford as a "colony" of their city because the people of both cities have maintained close communication for over a century.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Joseph V. Chiarelli, Chairman of the Winnebago County Board, do hereby recognize:

"Rockford's Italian Sister City Agreement's 15th Anniversary"

and urge all citizens to join me in commemorating this milestone.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the County of Winnebago, Illinois to be affixed this 22nd day of July, 2021.



Joseph V. Chiarelli, Chairman
Winnebago County Board

Chairman's **SERVICE EXCELLENCE** **AWARD**

presented to

Paul Logli

I, Joseph V. Chiarelli, Chairman of the Winnebago County Board hereby recognize Paul Logli for his many years of outstanding service to the residents of Winnebago County as the former President and CEO of the United Way of Rock River Valley. This award acknowledges his unwavering dedication, professionalism, integrity and sustained commitment to excellence. Paul Logli represents the very best values of our community and has served as a great example of what our community deserves in its public servants.

Joseph V. Chiarelli

Winnebago County Board Chairman, Joseph V. Chiarelli



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