

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_-2017

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND  
THANKING AND HONORING JUDY LADD FOR DILIGENTLY SERVING AREA  
RESIDENTS FOR THE PAST TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS AND WISHING HER  
CONTINUED SUCCESS AS SHE RETIRES FROM SERVICE AS  
DIRECTOR OF THE LEEPER PARK ART FAIR**

*Whereas*, **Judy Ladd** is an accomplished artist who works in porcelain, clay, and watercolor media. She has served as the Director of the Leeper Park Art Fair for the past twenty-five (25) years and is now retiring from her position as Director of the annual event. Judy is a tireless advocate for the Art Fair and her boundless energy has brought the continued success the Art Fair currently enjoys as a result of her selfless efforts; and

*Whereas*, Judy graduated from Western Michigan University with a BA in art and received her MFA from the University of Notre Dame. She worked at the South Bend Art Center teaching child and adult art classes, in addition to acting as the faculty representative to the Board at the Art Center for several years. Judy's first teaching assignment was first grade at Darden Elementary, after which she "graduated" to LaSalle High School as an art instructor. There, she worked as the Academic Decathlon coach, served as the chairman of the Art Department at the school, and worked on Scholastic Art Awards, where her students won the Third Congressional Art Competition, after which they traveled to Washington, D.C.; and

*Whereas*, while working at LaSalle High School, Judy opened a co-op art gallery called Gallery in the Garret, located in the former Kamm's Brewery, which had been repurposed to become the 100 Center, a busy retail area housing thirty (30) local artists. Gallery in the Garret was located in the 100 Center for thirteen (13) years until Judy relocated the business to the East Bank on the Raceway of the St. Joseph River in South Bend. Judy later transferred to Mishawaka High School to work as an assistant principal for nine (9) years, after which she retired to concentrate on the production of her own artwork; and

*Whereas*, throughout the years, Judy has served in many capacities with Indiana arts organizations, including being actively involved as a member of the St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society. During her involvement with the St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society, Judy Ladd met many wonderful artists. Gloria O'Brien was instrumental in persuading Judy to participate in the Leeper Park Art Fair with her silkscreen designs and Judy felt honored to be included in the prestigious event; and

*Whereas*, Judy eventually came to serve as the Director of the Leeper Park Art Fair thanks to her involvement in the St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society and, with the assistance of its members, Judy has managed to maintain the Leeper Park Art Fair a viable event through numerous eras of adversity, including several national financial downturns, for the past twenty-five (25) years. She has received substantial support and assistance from Joan Tweedell and Howard Scott during her tenure as Director, and the Leeper Park Art Fair recently celebrated its 50th Anniversary this year on June 17-18, 2017.

*Whereas*, Judy has dedicated her life to the furtherance of the arts throughout the Michiana area for more than thirty (30) years. Thanks in large part to Judy's efforts, the Leeper Park Art Fair, a juried exhibition, continues to showcase many wonderful artists in various media and has been featured in the Sunshine Artist magazine as one of the top 200 art shows in the country. Judy teaches classes in Florida and still participates in many top-rated art shows. Her work is treasured in many collections throughout the United States.

*Now, Therefore, be it resolved, by the Common Council of the City of South Bend, Indiana, as follows:*

Section I. On behalf of the citizens of South Bend, Indiana, South Bend Common Council, proudly and publicly *congratulates and thanks Judy Ladd*, who has willingly and

faithfully served as the Director of the Leeper Park Art Fair for the past twenty-five (25) years, and for her innumerable contributions to the arts in our community.

Section II. The Common Council proudly recognizes **Judy Ladd** as a valued member of our community and as someone who has selflessly given her time and her efforts to further the flourishing of the arts in the City of South Bend, Indiana by working tirelessly as the Director of the Leeper Park Art Fair.

Section III. The Common Council and the citizens of the City of South Bend wish **Judy Ladd** continued success with the production of her artwork and laud her many other accomplishments as she enjoys her retirement from her service as the Director of the Leeper Park Art Fair. *Congratulations!*

Section IV. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption by the Common Council and approval by the Mayor.

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Tim Scott, 1<sup>st</sup> District Council Member

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Oliver J. Davis, 6<sup>th</sup> District Council Member

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Regina Williams Preston., 2<sup>nd</sup> District

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Karen L. White, At Large Council Member

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Dr. David Varner, 5<sup>th</sup> District

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Robert J. Palmer, Council Attorney

*Witness:*

*Approved this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.*

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Kareemah Fowler, City Clerk

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Pete Buttigieg, Mayor of South Bend, Indiana