

**VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW**  
**COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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**PROCLAMATION**  
**Honoring the Life and Legacy of Lois L. Hrejsa**

**WHEREAS**, Lois L. Hrejsa, passed away peacefully in 2025, leaving behind a legacy of love, creativity, and inspiration; she was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Richard, who served honorably in the Korean War from 1952 to 1953. Lois was a cherished mother to her children, Jim, Lori and David, and a proud and devoted grandmother to five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, Lois was a devoted longtime resident of the village from 1955 to 2025, witnessing and contributing to generations of growth, connection, and community spirit; teaching craft classes for the Forest View Park District and was a Cub Scout Den Mother in the 1960's; and

**WHEREAS**, Lois pursued her passion for the arts with distinction, earning her bachelor's degree from the American Academy of Art, where she later taught Fundamentals, and further honed her craft under the guidance of renowned artists Charles Vickory and Don Anderson; and

**WHEREAS**, Lois shared her artistic gifts generously as an educator at The Center, the LaGrange Art League, Morton College, and the University of Illinois at Allerton, inspiring countless students through her teaching, plain art classes, and private studio instruction; and

**WHEREAS**, Lois's leadership and vision enriched the artistic community through co-owning "Images, a Gallery" in Spring Green, Wisconsin, and through her instrumental role in founding and directing the LaGrange Art League School; and

**WHEREAS**, Lois's artistic talents spanned multiple mediums, including pen and ink, watercolor, and oil, with her house portraits especially cherished, and her creative voice extended into poetry that reflected her depth of emotion and love of expression; and

**WHEREAS**, Lois's work reached the broader public through participation in notable public art projects, including Chicago's "Cows on Parade" with her piece *Planet Chicago*, as well as "Suite Home Chicago" and other sculptural works that brought beauty and creativity to shared spaces; and

**WHEREAS**, Lois L. Hrejsa will be remembered as a beautiful soul whose kindness, generosity, and artistic spirit enriched the lives of her family, friends, students, and beloved member of her community who had the privilege of knowing her; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Forest View gratefully acknowledges and extends its sincere appreciation to Lois's family for their generous donation of several of her original works of art, ensuring that her creativity and spirit will continue to inspire all who visit; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of this meaningful gift, the Village of Forest View is dedicating a wall within Village Hall in her honor, creating a lasting tribute to Lois's life, artistry, and enduring connection to the community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I DAVID LISKA**, President of the Village of Forest View, be it proclaimed that we honor and celebrate the life and legacy of Lois for her extraordinary contributions to her family, her community, and the arts.

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that the dedicated wall in Village Hall shall stand as a lasting symbol of gratitude and remembrance, preserving her artistic legacy for generations to come.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THIS PROCLAMATION** is issued this 14<sup>th</sup> of April, 2026 in grateful recognition of a life well lived and a legacy that will forever enrich the Village of Forest View.

**IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WHEREOF**, I hereby affix my signature this 14<sup>h</sup> day of April, 2026.

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*David Liska*  
*President of the Village of Forest View*