

proclamation

Richard “Dick” Strauss Day | July 27, 2023

WHEREAS, originally a Pennsylvania native, Richard “Dick” Strauss began his career in Winter Park at The Winter Park Land Company in 1988, serving as an officer and director; and

WHEREAS, while working for The Land Company, he managed Jeanette and Hugh McKean’s real estate holdings including the Center Street Gallery, Golden Cricket, La Belle Verriere restaurant and Greeneda Court – all on Park Avenue; Osceola Lodge and Morse Park on Interlachen Avenue; and the Windsong property; along with ‘other duties as assigned’; and

WHEREAS, in addition to assisting in the acquisition of the Park Avenue land parcels on which The Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art now stands, Strauss also participated in the construction of The Morse buildings; and

WHEREAS, he also played an important role in the construction of Park Place, which now houses the offices of the Elizabeth Morse Genius Foundation which was established in 1959 by Jeannette Genius McKean in memory of her mother; and

WHEREAS, after serving as an officer and trustee of the Elizabeth Morse Genius Foundation and Charles Hosmer Morse Foundation, Inc., Strauss became the executive vice president of both foundations; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, he served as board chair of the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce and has a long, continuous history of active civic affairs in Winter Park; and

WHEREAS, currently serving as a trustee of the Elizabeth Morse Genius Foundation and the Charles Hosmer Morse Foundation, Strauss consistently and continually contributes to the Winter Park community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phillip M. Anderson, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Winter Park in the state of Florida, do hereby proclaim **July 27, 2023**, as “Richard ‘Dick’ Strauss Day” in Winter Park, Florida.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Winter Park, Florida, to be affixed this 27th day of July 2023.

Phillip M. Anderson
Mayor