

# Proclamation

## Honoring Betty Dunn on her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**WHEREAS**, Betty Jean Hartman was born on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1922 in Lockport, Illinois; and,

**WHEREAS**, in the early 1940's, Betty married Don Dunn and the two settled down together on a farm in New Lenox. Over the next few years, they were blessed with three beautiful daughters, Judy, Faye and Gale; and,

**WHEREAS**, the duties of farm life, along with raising three "mischievous" daughters, kept the entire family extremely busy at all times. Feeding the chickens, harvesting and cleaning eggs that were sold to local families, along with all of the other usual "farm" chores and motherhood duties, filled each and every day. On top of it all, Betty was also a dedicated member of Trinity Lutheran Church, serving on many congregational committees and helping with various projects; and,

**WHEREAS**, in the late 1950's, Betty had a calling to become a businesswoman. Despite all her other daily responsibilities, she made the decision to start her own real estate company. In 1958, this endeavor became reality and she officially opened her business, working out of her home on her and Don's 160-acre New Lenox farm off of Francis Road, where she still resides to this day; and,

**WHEREAS**, having officially become the very first female relator in New Lenox, Betty blazed the trail for many like-minded women to follow, including her daughter Judy, who was incredibly inspired by her mother's tenacity and success, and eventually became her business partner; and,

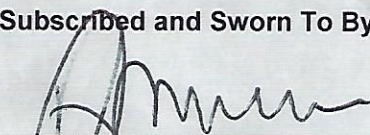
**WHEREAS**, over the next decade Betty dedicated herself to promoting women in business. In the 1970's, in order to offer more support, she founded the Lincoln-Way Area Business Women's Organization. The primary mission of the LWABWO was to provide scholarship funds to graduating female high school seniors and adult women for the purpose of continuing their education. This organization, which is still thriving today, is made up of over 60 women who work within the Lincoln-Way area; and,


**WHEREAS**, in the 1990's, Betty was recognized as Woman of the Year by the New Lenox Chamber of Commerce for all of her contributions to the community. In 2012 Betty was recognized by the Chamber again, this time alongside her daughter Judy, and were both awarded the title of Lifetime Chamber Members for all of their achievements within their business, Dunn & Niemann Real Estate; and,

**WHEREAS**, not only will Betty be remembered as a mother, grandmother and great grandmother, but will forever be recognized and honored as a true pioneer, businesswoman and a role model for so many who have followed in her footsteps.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Timothy A. Baldermann, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Village of New Lenox, do hereby recognize and congratulate Betty Dunn on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. The Village honors and thanks you for your lifetime of continued dedication and servant leadership within our community.

Subscribed and Sworn To By Me on January 1, 2022

  
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Timothy A. Baldermann  
Mayor, Village of New Lenox

  
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Village Clerk



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