

PROCLAMATION HONORING BRUCE KEZLARIAN

WHEREAS, Bruce Kezlarian, a seasoned educator for over forty years, has taught in the Bloomfield Hills School District for most of his career; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of his master's degree in athletic administration at Ohio University, Bruce began teaching elementary physical education at Pine Lake and Lone Pine Elementary Schools and later at West Hills Middle School; and

WHEREAS, his interest in the field of experiential learning and the philosophy of Outward Bound inspired him to design an experiential learning program using a ropes course as a vehicle for student learning. This program became the basis for the Adventure English Program, which he and former colleague, Dennis Hurley, developed for Model High School. As the high school and its programs grew in popularity, Bruce assumed additional responsibilities teaching classes in American government, philosophy, sociology, and bio-regionalism; and

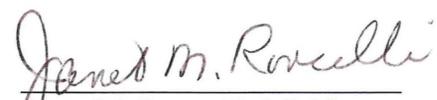
WHEREAS, Bruce's passion for American government and his creativity in providing experiential learning led him to form an alliance with the Bloomfield Township Clerk's Office. Since 2008, this cooperative effort has afforded the Clerk's Office the opportunity to teach civic lessons in his classroom and train the students to become inspectors for the elections in Bloomfield Township. The collaboration involved over 200 students, 15-18 years of age, who worked at the Township polling locations or in the Clerk's Office on Election Day. From 2008 through 2012, more than 20 percent of the students returned each year to work the elections. When the Township introduced electronic poll books in 2010, Bruce's students quickly learned how to operate the program and became a strong support staff for the veteran inspectors. Several students were promoted to chairpersons once they turned 18 years old; others eagerly await the opportunity to work the elections on their summer and winter breaks; and

WHEREAS, we extend our sincerest appreciation to Bruce Kezlarian for encouraging his students the opportunity to learn first-hand about the democratic process. His emphasis on experiential learning and his willingness to assist the Clerk's Office with the students' training schedules, locations and parental consent are to be applauded.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bloomfield Township Board of Trustees presents this proclamation to honor Bruce Kezlarian for his advocacy of democracy both in and out of the classroom and heartily endorses his longstanding partnership with the Clerk's Office to train students as election inspectors.

BE IT KNOWN to all reading this proclamation that it was adopted by the Bloomfield Township Board of Trustees on December 10, 2012, and included in the minutes as a permanent record.




Janet M. Roncelli, MMC
Bloomfield Township Clerk