

LOWER SAUCON TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION #79-2015

A RESOLUTION HONORING

THE HELLERTOWN AREA LIBRARY

FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the Hellertown Area Library (HAL) began twenty-two (22) years ago as grassroots effort to bring library service to Hellertown Borough, a small borough with a population then of 5,656; and

WHEREAS, after two referendums where the residents of the Borough voted down efforts to join the Bethlehem Area Library system, in 1990, a group of ten (10) individuals, began a campaign to build a library in Hellertown; and

WHEREAS, these efforts began with a collection of books and fundraising events, and in August of 1990, a small library was opened in a rented store at 528 Main Street in Hellertown; and

WHEREAS, with the assistance of a \$50,000 grant from State Senator Jeanette Reibman, the Hellertown Area Library Association conducted a capital campaign which resulted in the construction and opening in 1993 of the current library building on Constitution Avenue; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Lower Saucon Township asked the Library trustees to consider the feasibility of providing library services to Township residents and, following a two-year study conducted by a Library Task Force, the Township voted to consolidate library services for its residents at the Hellertown Area Library beginning January, 2014; and

WHEREAS, with the consolidation the library's service area increased 182% to 16,670 residents bringing a need for additional space, materials, and staff to handle this increased patronage demand; and

WHEREAS, with capital funds provided by the Township and with the award of funds from the Keystone Grant Fund, the library is embarking this year on an ambitious plan to renovate and refurbish the facility in order to provide an updated version of the library that community members have grown to love over the last twenty-two years; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this service, the Hellertown Area Library will be honored at the 2015 Hellertown – Lower Saucon Community Day with the presentation of the Community Recognition Award; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Lower Saucon Township, Ronald Horiszny, President; Thomas Maxfield, Vice President; Priscilla deLeon, Council Member; Glenn Kern, Council Member; and David Willard, Council Member; wishes to commend the Hellertown Area Library for their service to the residents of the Saucon Valley.

ADOPTED and **ENACTED** this 5th day of August, 2015.

Lower Saucon Township

Ronald Horiszny
Council President

Jack Cahalan
Township Manager