

LOWER SAUCON TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION #80-2015

A RESOLUTION HONORING

THE VALLEY VOICE

FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, The Valley Voice, “Saucon Valley’s Weekly Newspaper”, has been in operation for twenty-seven (27) years since the publication of its first issue on December 15, 1988; and

WHEREAS, the newspaper was founded by Ann Marie Gonsalves, who had covered Hellertown Borough and Lower Saucon Township as a reporter for the Bethlehem Globe-Times, to serve the needs of a vibrant Saucon Valley with a goal to unite, inform, educate, and at times, incite the community to action; and

WHEREAS, the newspaper strives to foster a sense of community, as well as enhancing the quality of life enjoyed by residents. In addition, it chronicles the lives of its readers, from birth to death, and every step in between, with honors, graduations, good deeds, and some not so good deeds; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, current Editor, Paul Bealer, joined The Valley Voice as an intern with degrees from Northampton Community College and Kutztown University; and

WHEREAS, as a Valley Voice writer and its Editor for 16 years, Paul, who together with Ann Marie shares a commitment to the community and their readers, have garnered many excellence in journalism awards from such organizations as the PA Newspaper Association, the National Federation of Press Writers, and the International Society of Weekly Newspaper Editors; and

WHEREAS, in the community, Ann served as the first female President of the Hellertown-Lower Saucon Chamber of Commerce in 1992-93, and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Saucon Valley Community Center, in addition to being a member of numerous local organizations, including the Hellertown Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of their accomplishments, Ann Marie, Paul, and The Valley Voice will be presented with the Outstanding Hellertown Business Award at the 2015 Hellertown – Lower Saucon Community Day on August 22, 2015.

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 Valley Voice for their service and dedication 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