



# Resolution

2017 - 05

**Alderman Daniel J. Knight**  
1958 – 2016

**Whereas**, it is with great sorrow and deep regret that this legislative body records the passing of Alderman Daniel J. Knight noting the significance of his purposeful life and accomplishments; and

**Whereas**, on May 2, 2011, Daniel J. Knight was sworn into office as an Elected Official, serving in the capacity of Fifth Ward Alderman after being elected by supportive residents living in his ward; and

**Whereas**, Dan was a committed and constant advocate for transparency in government and open meetings, always viewing issues through the eyes of those he took the oath to represent, while providing wise guidance and principled leadership to the City Council in many areas, especially relating to finance and budget matters, the Library Board, and the Mayor's Advisory Board; and

**Whereas**, Dan served the City in many ways, including his service as Chairman of Mayor's Advisory Board which interviewed and recommended the appointments of hundreds of volunteers on various Boards and Commissions; service as City Council liaison to the Library Board which successfully passed a referendum resulting in increased funding for the library relating to future improvements in its physical space, inventory and services; and Dan's service as Chairman of the Finance and Budget Committee in which he worked tirelessly to improve the City's financial position and stability, in cooperation with the Elected Officials and city staff, which positively impacted the city's bond rating, and saved millions of dollars for the City by refinancing the TIF debt, and

**Whereas**, After the sudden and untimely death of his great friend Mayor David Schmidt in 2015, Dan continued to organize the Mayor Dave's Grilling for the Arts fundraiser, increasing donations each year benefitting the Concerts in the Park and the Park Ridge Fine Arts Society; and

**Whereas**, Dan will be remembered for his straight-forwardness, financial expertise, and his caring demeanor and dedicated service to the residents of the Fifth Ward and to the City of Park Ridge.

**Now therefore be it resolved**, the Elected Officials and residents of the City of Park Ridge, in the County of Cook, and State of Illinois, hereby resolve that the City has lost a wonderful man who leaves behind a legacy, which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended and in recognition of the dedicated public service provided by Alderman Daniel J. Knight.

**In witness whereof**, the Elected Officials of the City hereunto have set our hands and caused the Seal of the City of Park Ridge to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, A.D., Two thousand and seventeen.

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Ald. John Moran

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Ald. Nicholas Milissis

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Ald. Richard Van Roeyen

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Ald. Roger Shubert

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Acting Mayor / Ald. Mayor Maloney

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Ald. Marc Mazzuca

Attest:

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Betty W. Henneman, City Clerk