



RESOLUTION 2017-4

A RESOLUTION OF THE CENTRE REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS COMMENDING ANITA DITZ ON HER RETIREMENT AFTER 34 YEARS OF SERVICE TO CENTRE REGION RESIDENTS, THEIR CHILDREN, AND THE COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Anita Ditz began her employment with the Schlow Centre Region Library on November 14, 1983, and has served the residents and their children of the six Centre Region municipalities as Head of Children's Services for over 34 years; and

WHEREAS, Anita has conscientiously and capably collaborated with the Centre Region COG, the Library staff, Library Board, Friends of the Library, the State College Area School District, and many civic groups with dedication to the highest principles of community service by providing a consistently high quality of friendly library services; and,

WHEREAS, Anita, for over three decades, has touched and enriched the lives of the children in our area through summer reading programs, story times, children programs at the Arts Festival, visits to every elementary school in the School District, and, through implementation of programs to benefit non-English speaking families and those with special needs: and,

WHEREAS, Anita provided a countless number of library programs designed to educate and delight children and families, and selected thousands of collection items meeting the educational and recreational needs of children; and, conducted library tours for every 3rd and 4th grade student in the School District; and,

WHEREAS, Anita initiated new programs that brought families together such as "Saturday is Dadurday", Thomas the Tank Engine Day, and family literacy activities; and,

WHEREAS, Anita earned a statewide reputation for excellence in storytelling, knowledge of children's literature, dedication to youth and families, and thoughtful leadership and as a result earned many awards and recognitions for her outstanding work including the Pennsylvania Library Association's Distinguished Service Award, Certificate of Merit, and six Best Practices Awards; and,

WHEREAS, Anita brought enthusiasm, loyalty, endurance, and sound judgment to the Library Director during a new building project which began in 1988 that included evaluations of various new library sites, a move to an interim library and ended with the long-awaited groundbreaking ceremony for the new building on October 3, 2005; and,


WHEREAS, the Centre Region COG, as well as, Anita's co-workers and peers have greatly benefited from her professional skills and courteous and positive attitude during her years of service to the community; and,

AND WHEREAS, the Townships of College, Ferguson, Halfmoon, Harris and Patton, and the Borough of State College wish to recognize and commend Anita's unwavering commitment to making the Children's Library a safe, exciting, nurturing learning center for thousands of young people; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Forum of the Centre Region Council of Governments desire to express on the record their commendation and gratitude, as well as, the appreciation of the community as a whole, to Anita Ditz for her many years of dedicated service and extends its best wishes for many long, healthy, and rewarding years to come.

RESOLVED, this twenty eighth day of August, 2017.

Attest:



James C. Steff
Executive Director, Centre Region COG

By:



Thomas E. Daubert
Chair, Centre Region COG