



## CIVILITY PLEDGE

### RESOLUTION # 2023 - 06 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER FOREST ADOPTING THE CIVILITY PLEDGE

WHEREAS, the Township of River Forest recognizes that the public exchange of diverse ideas, viewpoints and robust debate are essential to democratic self-governance; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees, as elected officials of River Forest Township, recognize the importance of engaging in free and spirited debate, while maintaining the highest standards of civility, honesty and mutual respect; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Municipal League (IML) has adopted a Civility Pledge which encourages the core tenets of civility; and,

WHEREAS, the Civility Pledge states,

“In the interest of civility, I pledge to promote civility by listening, being respectful of others, acknowledging that we are all striving to support and improve our community and understanding that we each may have different ideas for achieving that objective;”  
and,

WHEREAS, in order to publicly declare a commitment to civil discourse and to express concern for the common good and wellbeing of all residents of River Forest, the Board of Trustees of the River Forest Township have determined it to be in the best interests of the Township to adopt this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the River Forest Township Supervisor and Board of Trustees as follows:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals shall be and are hereby incorporated as findings of fact as if said recitals were fully set forth herein.

Section 2. The Civility Pledge as set forth in this Resolution is hereby adopted.

Section 3. The Township Clerk is directed to have the elected and appointed officials of River Forest Township sign the Civility Pledge and adhere to it during all public meetings and in all official actions.



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	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Carla Sloan	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Helene Connolly	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Deanna Herrman	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Keith Strom	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Karen Taubman	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____

PASSED THIS 14 day of November, 2023

APPROVED THIS 14 day of November 2023

Signature of Township Supervisor *Carla Sloan*

Attested by Township Clerk *Jane Bevan*





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### Acknowledgement of Receipt and Understanding of the River Forest Township Civility Pledge

*Please acknowledge receipt and review of the River Forest Township Civility Pledge by completing the following and returning it to the Township Clerk.*

**I confirm that I have received, read and understand the below Civility Pledge. I will do my best to follow the Civility Pledge. I have signed and dated this acknowledgement to confirm my support for the Civility Pledge.**

"In the interest of civility, I pledge to promote civility by listening, being respectful of others, acknowledging that we are all striving to support and improve our community and understanding that we each may have different ideas for achieving that objective."

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title / Role:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

