

## PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF

## Carol Widger

On April 12, 2007, at approximately 11:30 PM a structure fire broke out at 1208 Marseille Court in the City of Rochester Hills. Homeowner Mary Schultz was unconscious in the home at the time. Carol Widger, Mary's heroic and quick thinking next-door neighbor, was alerted to the fire by a smoke alarm detector and immediately sought help.

**WHEREAS**, On the night of April 12, Carol Widger was not able to sleep and was working late into the evening; and

WHEREAS, While Carol was in her basement, she heard a neighbor's smoke alarm detector buzzing for what seemed like quite a long time; and

**WHEREAS**, Even though it was late, Carol decided to check on her next-door neighbor to make sure everything was all right; and

WHEREAS, Upon arriving, Carol saw flames and smoke in Mary's kitchen window; and

**WHEREAS**, After knocking on Mary's door, Carol ran home, called 911, and then proceeded to neighbor Josh Simpson's door, where she knocked and shouted for help. Josh and his friend Ian were able to break down the door and get Mary safely out of the house just as the emergency vehicles arrived.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN,** that the Mayor and City Council of Rochester Hills hereby recognize Carol Widger for her outstanding act of heroism in getting help to save the life of Mary Schultz and for her quick thinking in calling emergency personnel who were able contain the fire damage and make sure residents of all the neighboring homes were safe.

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