CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF

Christine Petracca

On May 15, 2008, the Rochester Hills Fire Department Communication Center received a 911 call from Amon Hurst, an employee of Rochester Hills Meijer. Mr. Hurst reported that a fellow employee, Stephen Eckhardt, was unconscious, had no pulse and was barely breathing. Mr. Hurst advised dispatch that two employees, Roroy Roberts and Christine Petracca, were performing Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) on the victim. On the dispatch operator's instruction, Mr. Hurst rushed to get the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and gave the telephone to another employee, Linda Spicer so that the dispatch operator could direct Mr. Hurst in the use of the AED.

The combined efforts of these Meijer employees, and their ability to remain calm in an emergency situation, perform CPR and use the AED resulted in the victim surviving and recovering from a heart attack. Rochester Hills Fire Department transported Mr. Eckhardt to the hospital where he was treated. The emergency room physician advised Fire Department staff that had the Meijer employees not performed the emergency response in such a calm and timely manner, it would have been very unlikely that Mr. Eckhardt would have survived.

WHEREAS, Christine Petracca, in a calm and quick-thinking manner, came to the aid of a victim in a life threatening situation, and

WHEREAS, Christine Petracca, together with fellow Meijer employees, helped save the life of a heart attack victim.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, that the Mayor and City Council of Rochester Hills hereby recognize Christine Petracca for her efforts and professionalism in saving Stephen Eckhardt's life during an emergency situation.

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