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Proclamation Recognizing Avon Sailboats

Whereas, in 1968, Avon Sailboats opened at 1033 East Auburn Road in Rochester Hills, offering hand-built Wayfarer one-design sailboats, popular in small sailboat regattas in Michigan and throughout the Midwest; and

Whereas, in 1983, Tom and Lindy Rymill took over the operation of Avon Sailboats from its founder, Lindy's father, and they focused on delivering and outfitting sailboats to the many local sailing enthusiasts and sailboat fleets, serving the needs of sailors throughout the area, including Stoney Creek Metro Park and Lake St. Clair; and

Whereas, Tom built and assembled sailboats, kayaks and trailers for delivery to each customer's requirements while Lindy handled the retail store operations and assisted customers with sailboat rigging, equipment, hardware, spare parts and the associated details of sailboat outfitting, engineering and sailing guidance; and

Whereas, Tom and Lindy, who were also an accomplished husband and wife crew team, were married for 51 years before Tom's passing in 2021. Without her lifelong sailing and business partner, Lindy cannot maintain the same level of high-quality personal service alone and has decided Avon Sailboats will close its doors by the end of 2022.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that Mayor and City Council of Rochester Hills hereby thank Lindy Rymill for her long-standing role in our community, on decades of a successful family business, and wish her good health and happiness in retirement.