

Proclamation

HONORING GAIL ROMANOVSKY

FOR HER THIRTY-FIVE-PLUS-YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE STEELTON-HIGHSPIRE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND AS DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY BAND BY THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHSPIRE, DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

WHEREAS, Gail Romanofsky, affectionately known as “Miss R”, a 1983 graduate of Steelton-Highspire High School, was hired at her Alma Mater on June 15, 1987 as a music teacher, and

WHEREAS, during her tenure at SHSD, she has held the titles of Band Director/Advisor/Coordinator, Brass & Woodwind Instructor, Talent Show Advisor, Drama Club Advisor, Creative Arts Department Chair, Special Area Department Chair, SHEA Vice President and to ensure their successful transition in the District, served as a Mentor to new teachers, and

WHEREAS, Gail is one of very few educators who teaches in both the Elementary and the Junior/Senior High School, teaching music, American Theater (a class she developed), PSSA prep classes, as well as providing tutoring to students. While Gail has been the Director of the Elementary School Band, she has also stepped in to direct the High School Marching Band when needed and ensured there was Elementary and Alumni musicians for Homecoming football games. Gail also made sure her students and school were represented locally by participating in parades in surrounding communities.

WHEREAS, in addition to instilling her love of music, she provided so much more to her students, most behind the scenes and without fanfare: funding all props at the elementary concerts (like red reindeer flashing noses), shopping at flea markets to buy old musical instruments, refurbishing them, and then giving them to deserving students. She has sponsored field trips to Broadway musicals and guitar factories and when someone could not pay for their ticket, Gail would make up the difference with her own money to ensure no child went without, and

WHEREAS, in addition to the many hours spent in both the Elementary and High School buildings, Gail still made time for private lessons in her home and to direct the Steelton-Highspire Community Band who performs at special functions and community events throughout both Boroughs and surrounding communities, including Tree Lightings, Arbor Day, and Memorial Day events.

WHEREAS, after 36 years in the Steelton-Highspire School District, Gail will be retiring June 7, 2023 with the thanks and admiration of her colleagues, students, parents and the communities of Steelton and Highspire. She will truly be missed.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved this 16th day of May 2023, that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Highspire, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, wish to formally recognize **Ms. Gail Romanovsky** for her leadership, enthusiasm and hard work, which are a credit to herself, her family, the Steelton-Highspire School District and the Community Band.

BOROUGH OF HIGHSPIRE

MAYOR

ATTEST:

BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

BOROUGH SECRETARY