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RESOLUTION NO. R 47

**RESOLUTION TO HONOR ANTHONY BETUSTAK FOR
DESIGNING THE CITY FLAG**

WHEREAS, the flag of the City of Hammond was designed by Anthony Betustak and given to the City of Hammond in 1971; and the Common Council finds that it celebrates the history of the City of Hammond; and

WHEREAS, the flag of the City of Hammond consists of the Red, White and Blue colors of the National flag, the Gold and Blue of our State flag, and a Gold star in commemoration of all the wars, past, present and, only God knows, the future, in commemoration of all those who served and will serve. The flag has a blue border on the gold star which represents all those who served as well as those who were wounded or disabled. The Peace Pipe is called the Calumet Peace Pipe. The Word "Calumet" is a French word and a Delaware and Pottawatomie Indian word which represents a reed from which the peace pipe was made. It represents a Land of Peace pipe. On the flag is the outline of the Grand Calumet River and the Little Calumet River. To the left is an Indian, who became the first explorer, who history records, went right through Hammond in 1675 on approximately March 31st. The Indian possessed that peace pipe, for the first time, through the tribe of the Pottawatomie Indians, without it he would have been put to death. The Indian goes back through the time of the French explorer, Marquette, who was exploring waterways for congress. At that time this land was in the possession of the French. Marquette had in his possession one of the finest documents and maps of this area, according to

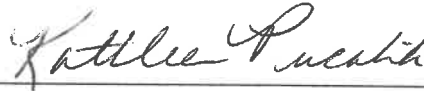
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the Library of Congress records. For some strange reason these documents were put away or misplaced and did not resurface until about 1832. He was a dying man when he was coming through Hammond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAMMOND that on behalf of the citizens of the City of Hammond, the Common Council thanks Anthony Betustak and his family for their time and efforts in designing such an extraordinary flag for the City. This resolution shall be maintained in the permanent records of the City of Hammond.

ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Hammond, on the 24th day of March, 2003.



KATHLEEN PUCALIK, President

ATTEST:


ROBERT J. GOLEC, CITY CLERK

PRESENTED BY ME, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Hammond, to the Mayor of said City for his approval on the 25th day of March, 2003.


ROBERT J. GOLEC, CITY CLERK

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The foregoing Resolution No. R47 consisting of 3 pages, including this page approved by the Mayor on the 27th day of March, 2003.



DUANE W. DEDELOW, JR., MAYOR
City of Hammond, Indiana

ADOPTED by the Common Council on the 24th day of March, 2003, and approved by the Mayor on the 27th day of March, 2003.



ROBERT J. GOLEC, CITY CLERK