

Village of Glendale

~ Proclamation ~

A proclamation recognizing Susan Sweeney Kreuzmann for her role in returning the historic O'Neil structure to its original splendor and reopening the Century House as a spectacular destination in the Village Square

WHEREAS, Susan Sweeney Kreuzmann acquired the 1867 O'Neil building, appropriately operated as the Century House, in the year 2000 and continued the half-century tradition of merchandising unique gifts and home accessories in the Village of Glendale , 3 Village Square, and

WHEREAS, since her purchase, Susan's improvements, marketing and management continued to make Glendale a shopping destination, and

WHEREAS, tragically, one Saturday morning on November 29th, 2008 a fire engulfed the Century House and threatened complete destruction of the building, if not the adjacent structures, and

WHEREAS, this fire grew to three alarms and fire companies from all surrounding communities responded to aid Glendale in a time of need, and

WHEREAS, in the aftermath what remained was the Century House, burned beyond recognition, its contents and interior completely destroyed – a loss was felt by all, and

WHEREAS, Susan Sweeney Kreuzmann, burdened by a multitude of problems in the wake of this tragedy, rose to a task that most would shun. She hired Architect Rod Sidley and worked with insurance companies, contractors and the like, restoring to the Village Square a spectacular showcase of what once was, if not more, and

WHEREAS, her commitment to the Glendale community that the Century House would be restored and opened on November 10th, 2009 was indeed kept, much to the delight and admiration of Glendale residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by Joseph C. Hubbard, Mayor of the Incorporated Village of Glendale, Hamilton County, State of Ohio,

SECTION I: That Susan Sweeney Kreuzmann is to be commended for her dedication, investment and work in bringing back our Century House. This splendidly restored structure and business is a showcase of historic preservation and will continue to make our Glendale Village Square a destination for another 50 years and more. We thank you Susan for yet another reason why Glendale is such a splendid place to live and raise a family. May God Bless.

Joseph C. Hubbard, Mayor

February 1st, in the year 2010
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