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TOWNSHIP OF MONTCLAIR

RESOLUTION RENAMING GRAZ PARK TO BELCSAK GRAZ PARK

January 22, 2019

WHEREAS, Juliana Belcsak, community leader and volunteer, has served the community of Montclair from the time she and her family moved to the Township in 1971; and

WHEREAS, Juliana dedicated much of her time and energy to volunteer work with Montclair Overseas Neighbors, an organization that actively promotes and nurtures the Sister Cities program that President Eisenhower called the “cornerstone of people-to-people diplomacy,” and to the numerous local and international programs undertaken by the Montclair Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, Juliana Belcsak was born in Graz, Austria, which was the first of Montclair’s four Sister Cities. Montclair’s relationship with Graz was established shortly after the end of World War II, when Montclair donated much needed food, medicine and medical equipment and supplies to Graz. In 1949 an official Sister City relationship was solidified between the two municipalities. Through Juliana’s tireless efforts this connection has seen numerous visits and student exchanges cementing the bond between Montclair and Graz.

WHEREAS, as a result of Juliana Belcsak’s unwavering work and leadership, the current relationship between the Sister Cities is prospering and can be observed through an active exchange of students, artists, government officials, scientists, and musicians; and

WHEREAS, in commemoration of the sister city bond with Graz, the Township of Montclair created Graz Park; and

WHEREAS, as an acknowledgment of gratitude and affection, and to honor and recognize Juliana Belcsak for her extraordinary efforts, the Township Council takes great pleasure in adding Juliana Belcsak’s name to Graz Park; and NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Montclair that, from this day forward, Graz Park will officially be known as Belcsak Graz Park.