



## RESOLUTION TO DEDICATE THE DELTA TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER AS THE JOSEPH E. DROLETT COMMUNITY CENTER

**WHEREAS**, Joseph E. Drolett served as a trustee on the Township Board from 1972 to 1974, and honorably served as Delta Township Supervisor from 1974 to 1988, and again from 1992 to 2008, to date, the longest serving Supervisor in Township history; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1998, Supervisor Drolett, worked together with the City of Lansing to help secure and bring to the Township the \$1.2 Billion General Motors Delta Plant along with four tier-one auto parts suppliers; and

**WHEREAS**, Supervisor Drolett was a key player in convincing Auto-Owners Insurance to keep their headquarters located within Delta Township; and

**WHEREAS**, Supervisor Drolett played a major role in establishing many firsts for the Township including drafting its first Master Plan, drafting and implementing the first zoning ordinance, passing the first capital improvements plan for the Township, and establishing the first long-term sidewalk, paths and trails plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Supervisor Drolett worked with Township staff and contractors to complete the development of the industrial park located on the south side of the Township, clearing the way for what is now one of the most robust industrial districts in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, Supervisor Drolett aided in the development of the Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP) organization, which has become a strong economic force throughout the mid-Michigan region; and

**WHEREAS**, under the leadership of Supervisor Drolett, Delta Township was the first in the state to approve a service contract with a County Sheriff's Department, and subsequently built a Delta-based Eaton County Sheriff's Department Substation, which allowed for faster and more efficient law enforcement response times for Delta residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Supervisor Drolett was integral in helping to develop a full-service Fire and Paramedic Department within the Township, growing from just two full-time fire fighters to the 47 full-time and 11 part-time fire personnel we have today; and

**WHEREAS**, Supervisor Drolett worked with the Cities of Lansing and East Lansing to establish the first fire and ambulance mutual aid agreement in the region, with subsequent agreements stemming from most other regional Fire/EMS departments; and


**WHEREAS**, under the oversight of Supervisor Drolett, the Township reached an agreement with the Lansing Board of Water and Light to provide treated water to the Township and greatly expanded the water and sewer infrastructure throughout the Township; and


**WHEREAS**, Supervisor Drolett worked with the Eaton County Road Commission creating a cooperative agreement for sharing in the cost of the repaving and maintaining of Township roads on an annual cost sharing basis; and

**WHEREAS**, Supervisor Drolett, along with the Parks and Recreation Commission secured grants and donations which allowed the Township to develop and expand a robust parks system in the Township, and


**WHEREAS**, Supervisor Drolett oversaw the building of the new Delta Township District Library facility, the Central Fire Station and the addition to the Delta Township Administration Building;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that on this fourth day of December, two-thousand seventeen, the Delta Township Board decrees that the building located at 7550 W. Willow Hwy, Lansing, Michigan is hereby renamed the "Joseph E. Drolett Community Center" in honor of Supervisor Drolett and his many contributions to the Township.


  
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