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Village of Orland Park Proclamation

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING HIENIE’S MCCARTHY’S
AS ORLAND PARK BUSINESS OF THE MONTH**

Whereas, Orland Park’s Hienie’s McCarthy’s originated in the mind of Henry McCarthy in 1947; and

Whereas, Henry McCarthy, also known as “Hienie” by his family, started his fresh fish store in Hammond, Indiana after borrowing \$500 from his brother in law; and

Whereas, shortly after opening the business a customer suggested he fry the fish and shrimp. This proved to be a great suggestion, Hienie bought two fryers, they started calling the business Hienie’s Shrimp House and business was good; and

Whereas, Hienie moved the business to 9134 Mackinaw a year later, just blocks away from US Steel Mills in Chicago. Hours were long in those days, Hienie, with sons Eddie and Bob operated the store until 4:00am, in 1965 they were able to build a new store down the street at 9101 Mackinaw. When harassment for protection money began, they moved the business to 8450 Commercial and opened another one at 10359 S. Torrence; and

Whereas, Bob McCarthy, Hienie’s son, opened the Orland Park location for his children, Tami, Bob Jr., Denise, and Paul in 1978. Having a family owned business is challenging enough without having 4 siblings running the same location. In 1986 Bob Jr. opened the Chicago Ridge store and a year later another location in Tinley Park; and

Whereas, business was booming, so much so that the family thought the best way to keep growing was to franchise. The franchises sold quickly in Calumet City, Cicero, and Whiting, Indiana. But almost as quickly, the family came to the realization that selling franchises was not the same as selling chicken, fish and shrimp, the family got out of the business of selling franchises and back into the business of selling chicken, fish and shrimp; and

Whereas, Hienie’s McCarthy’s in Orland Park is still family owned and operated, 74 years and 4 generations later they are doing well despite all the changes the business has been through; and

Now, therefore, I, Keith Pekau, Village President of the Village of Orland Park, Illinois in the Counties of Cook and Will, do hereby extend the gratitude of the entire community to Hienie’s McCarthy’s for more than 43 years of serving the community and hereby proclaim Monday, November 15, 2021 as Hienie’s McCarthy’s Day in the Village of Orland Park.

Signed: _____

Keith Pekau, Village President
Village of Orland Park

Dated: November 15, 2021