



PROCLAMATION NO. P16-_____

A Proclamation Recognizing Eddy Clearwater's Induction Into The Blues Hall Of Fame

WHEREAS: Eddy Clearwater lived in Westmont during most of the 1980's and played over 1000 gigs in Westmont at various locations; and

WHEREAS: Eddy Clearwater was a friend and colleague of "Godfather of the Blues" Muddy Waters, who also lived in Westmont, and was mentored by Muddy as well as Magic Sam and Otis Rush; and

WHEREAS: Eddy Clearwater has donated artifacts from his career to various historical museums such as the display in his hometown of Macon, MI, the collection at the Delta Blues Museum in Clarksdale, MI, the Blues Hall of Fame in Memphis, TN, and the Muddy Waters Exhibit in Westmont, IL; and

WHEREAS: Eddy Clearwater has recorded 17 albums over 7 decades for more than 5 labels including Atomic H., Rounder, Rooster, Blind Pig, Alligator, and his own label, Cleartone, and his recording "West Side Strut" on Alligator Records produced by Ronnie Baker Brooks reached #1 on the Living Blues Magazine Charts; and

WHEREAS: Eddy Clearwater has renown throughout the world touring in North America, South America, Asia and Europe as well as gracing the covers of major Blues publications in Finland, Norway, Poland, France, and the United States including cover stories with Living Blues Magazine in 1978, 1998 and 2015; and

WHEREAS: Eddy Clearwater's adopted last name is a play on the name of blues legend Muddy Waters, and his nickname 'The Chief' honors his Cherokee and African American roots; and

WHEREAS: Eddy Clearwater has earned him a coveted Blues Music Handy Award, a Grammy nomination, a Lifetime Achievement Award from Blues Blast Magazine, and induction into the Blues Hall Of Fame.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Ronald J. Gunter, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Village of Westmont do hereby proclaim that the Village of Westmont honor Eddy Clearwater by presenting him with a Key To The Village.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Village to be affixed this 27th day of October, 2016.

Ayes: ____ Nays: ____ Absent: ____

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Virginia Szymiski, Village Clerk

Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor