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45-R-16

A RESOLUTION

**Designating that Portion of Church Street
Between Dodge Avenue and Brown Avenue with
the Honorary Street Name Sign, "Samuel Johnson Way"**

WHEREAS, Samuel Johnson has served the Evanston community on Church Street since 1969 as a community activist, a barber and a business man; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson served six (6) years as treasurer on the Housing and Community Development Act Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson has been recognized by several community organizations, such as Family Focus Auxiliary Board, Evanston NAACP, Chessmen Club of the North Shore, for his service to the Evanston community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson provided free haircuts in the Evanston community for students of District 65, District 202 and Northwestern University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson contributed to the "Unforgettable Documentary" about the closing of the Emerson Street YMCA and was interviewed by the New York Wall Street Journal regarding this loss to the community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson has played a significant role in the evolution of Evanston, particularly serving as a mentor and encouraging youth self- development in both sports and academic for over sixty (60) years in the barbering profession; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson is a pillar of the Evanston business community, owning and operating the Church Street Barber Shop located at 1905 Church St for forty-seven (47) years,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT:**

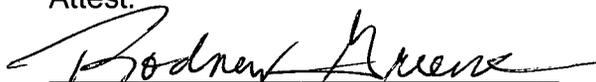
SECTION 1: The foregoing recitals are hereby found as fact and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2: On behalf of the entire citizenry of the City of Evanston, the City Council hereby expresses appreciation for Samuel Johnson by designating that portion of Church Street between Dodge Avenue and Brown Avenue "Samuel Johnson Way."

SECTION 3: This Resolution 45-R-16 shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.


Elizabeth B. Tisdahl, Mayor

Attest:


Rodney Greene, City Clerk

Adopted: June 13, 2016