RESOLUTION NO. 2023-18

RESOLUTION PERMANENTLY DEDICATING A PORTION OF LOGAN AVE. AS, "JEFF SMITH MEMORIAL AVENUE"

WHEREAS, Jeff Smith was a resident of the City of Belvidere, Boone County Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Smith honorably served this Nation as a member of the United States Marine Corps and served with bravery and distinction during the Vietnam War; and
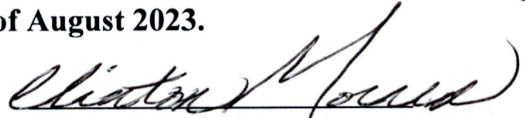
WHEREAS, Jeff Smith is the only known City of Belvidere resident to pay the ultimate sacrifice, killed in action on March 7, 1968, during the Vietnam War; and
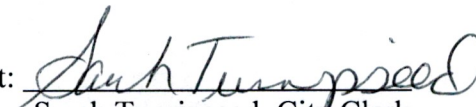
WHEREAS, it is just, right and long overdue to recognize Jeff Smith and all members of the armed forces who served and have paid the ultimate sacrifice protecting the rights, privileges and freedoms that we as Americans enjoy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELVIDERE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The Mayor, Belvidere City Council and the citizens of Belvidere acknowledge our community is blessed to have brave men and women serving in in this Nations Armed Forces and are especially grateful for those that pay the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our and others' freedoms.

Section 2: Be it known, from now on Logan Ave. between South State Street and Belvidere Road is hereby dedicated as "Jeff Smith Memorial Avenue."

Section 3: The City of Belvidere also, in honor and memory of Jeff Smith, recognizes and welcomes home all of his fellow Vietnam Veterans with long overdue gratitude and appreciation for service to our great Nation

Section 4: The City of Belvidere's Public Works Department shall install and maintain signs designating "Jeff Smith Memorial Ave." as a reflection of our community's sincere gratitude to Jeff Smith, his family and all members of the Armed Services who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Adopted by the City of Belvidere, Illinois this 7th Day of August 2023.

Clinton Morris, Mayor

Attest: Sarah Turnipseed, City Clerk

Ayes: Albertini, Fleury, Frank, Freeman, Gramkowski, McGee, Mulhall and Snow.
Nays: None.
Absent: Brereton and Porter.