



## **Resolution Honoring Edward J. Kerns for Exemplary Service to the Karl Stirner Arts Trail**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of Karl Stirner Arts Trail Inc. (KSAT) recognizes the profound and lasting impact of Mr. Edward J. Kerns upon the creation and development of The Karl Stirner Arts Trail (“the Trail”), a most beloved community treasure; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Kerns, alongside fellow visionary Richard McAteer and a dedicated group of volunteers, played a pivotal role in birthing the Trail, laying the groundwork for its journey with both a clear vision and eloquent prose; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Kerns’ dedicated service transcended his initial contribution, extending to over a decade of unwavering leadership as the Vice Chair and then Chair of the KSAT Executive Board; and

**WHEREAS**, During his tenure as Chair, Mr. Kerns’ exemplary leadership fostered the expansion and solidification of the Board, oversaw the realization of numerous significant projects along the Trail, and secured the acquisition of eleven remarkable Steve Tobin sculptures, including those generously donated by Mr. George Ball, CEO of Burpee Seed Co.; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Kerns’ profound influence extends beyond these notable achievements, for he established a framework for effective and efficient board governance, ensuring the KSAT remains a welcoming and vibrant showcase for the arts; and

**WHEREAS**, Under Mr. Kerns’ guidance, the Trail blossomed into a flourishing “green museum,” serving as a model for other municipalities and counties seeking to engage diverse communities with art in open-air settings; and

**WHEREAS**, Having earned the esteemed designation of Emeritus Board Member, Mr. Kerns remains a valued and integral part of the KSAT family, his legacy forever enriching the organization; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Karl Stirner Arts Trail Inc. Board of Directors expresses its deepest gratitude and highest commendation to Mr. Edward J. Kerns for his extraordinary service and exceptional leadership. His vision, dedication, and tireless efforts have demonstrably shaped the Trail into the glorious community haven it is today, leaving an indelible mark, sure to inspire generations to come.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution be presented to Mr. Edward J. Kerns as a token of our deepest appreciation and entered into the official records of the Karl Stirner Arts Trail Inc.

**Dated this 6th day of March, in the year two thousand twenty-four.**