

JOHN TRIGG ESTER LIBRARY



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR  
DEIRDRE HELFFERICH**

*WHEREAS*, Deirdre Helfferich has served and supported the John Trigg Ester Library with distinction and dedication ever since nurturing its inception in 1999; and

*WHEREAS*, Deirdre Helfferich along with Peggy Dunwoodie and other volunteers established the Ester Library in a rented room on Frank Therrell's property, organized the first book drive, and re-named it in honor of John Trigg after he passed away in 2000; and

*WHEREAS*, Deirdre Helfferich led the effort to purchase land from Rick Winther in 2006 for a future library building and oversaw the design and first stages of construction of an ultra energy efficient Passiv Haus facility suitable to the site and the needs of future generations of Ester community members; and

*WHEREAS*, Deirdre Helfferich led the effort to construct the Ida Lane Clausen gazebo (along with the tireless support and hard work from her husband, volunteer-in-chief Hans Mölders) in 2007 thereby securing a generous land donation from Larry Flodin for the John Trigg Ester Library; and

*WHEREAS*, Deirdre Helfferich was a critical figure in the separation of the library from the Ester Community Association in 2008, the formation of the initial Articles of Incorporation, board of directors, and the development of policies and procedures which ultimately led to federal recognition of the John Trigg Ester Library as a federal nonprofit charitable organization in 2011; and

*WHEREAS*, Deirdre Helfferich served an important liaison role for the library, regularly communicating with state and local governments, associations, business partners and with a wide variety of library stakeholders; and

*WHEREAS*, Deirdre Helfferich played a pivotal role in fundraising, creating and promoting events such as the Library Lallapalooza, LiBerry Pie Festival, Readers on the Run, Tape and Tarp, shelf dedications, established an endowment fund, and encouraged many private and business donations; and

*WHEREAS*, Deirdre Helfferich tirelessly advocated for the library's interests, faithfully attending meetings and fundraisers, and showing rock solid support for JTEL, its members, volunteers, programs and infrastructure; and

*WHEREAS*, Deirdre Helfferich oversaw the successful passage of two state appropriations and one borough appropriation to fund the design and construction of the future library; and

*WHEREAS*, Deirdre Helfferich helped the library accept the donation of the Main Street cabin built by Ansgar Clausen in 1974, now called the Clausen Cabin, in 2012, which now serves a critical role in providing children's programs, reading and meeting space and is a vital part of the history and culture of Ester; and

*WHEREAS*, Deirdre Helfferich's many years as editor and publisher of the Ester Republic added both to the cultural history and enrichment of the community and promotion of the Ester Library; and

*WHEREAS*, Deirdre Helfferich has been a fantastic community leader, supporter, neighbor and friend all these many years and the departure of Hans and her will impact many in Ester; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of the John Trigg Ester Library officially recognizes and thanks Deirdre Helfferich for her service to not only the John Trigg Ester Library and its members, but to the entire community of Ester. She will be sincerely missed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be appropriately engrossed and conveyed to Deirdre Helfferich with a copy incorporated into the official minutes of the June 2018 meeting of the Board of Directors.

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Syrilyn Tong  
President, Board of Directors

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Monique Musick  
Vice President, Board of Directors