



**VILLAGE OF SUGAR GROVE  
KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 2026 0707 AD1**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE VILLAGE OF SUGAR GROVE WATER DEPARTMENT  
FOR ACHIEVING SECOND PLACE IN THE “BEST OF THE BEST” TAP WATER TASTE  
TEST FROM THE AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION (AWWA)**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Sugar Grove has been recognized for its excellence in providing high-quality drinking water; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sugar Grove Water Department participated in the prestigious “Best of the Best” Tap Water Taste Test at the American Water Works Association (AWWA) ACE26 Conference held in Washington, D.C.; and

**WHEREAS**, Sugar Grove proudly secured second place in this national competition, signifying its commitment to delivering some of the best-tasting drinking water in North America; and

**WHEREAS**, this accomplishment reflects the hard work, dedication, and professionalism of the Sugar Grove Water Department Team under the leadership of Public Works Director Brad Merkel; and

**WHEREAS**, the journey to this esteemed recognition involved winning regional and state competitions, including winning the Kane County Water Association regional taste test, securing the title of State Champion at the Illinois Section AWWA State Finals at WATERCON 2026 in Peoria, Illinois, on April 14, 2026, and competing against esteemed water producers nationwide at the finals; and

**WHEREAS**, the competition involved a rigorous judging process by independent experts who evaluated samples based on taste, clarity, and odor, adhering to strict blind-taste protocols; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sugar Grove Water Department remains committed to environmentally sustainable practices, infrastructure management, and ensuring that the Village’s water supply meets and exceeds national standards.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Sugar Grove, Kane County, Illinois, that the Village of Sugar Grove officially recognizes and celebrates the Sugar Grove Public Works Department for their exceptional achievement in the "Best of the Best" Tap Water Taste Test and expresses its gratitude for their dedicated service in providing safe, clean, and award-winning drinking water to our community.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Sugar Grove, Kane County, Illinois, on this **7<sup>th</sup>** day of **July 2026**.

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Sue Stillwell, Village President

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Tracey R. Conti, Village Clerk

**BOARD VOTE:**

	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Recuse</b>
Trustee Heidi Lendi	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Matthew Bonnie	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Sean Michels	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Anthony Speciale	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Nora London	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Michael Roskopf	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____