

Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas: *one of the privileges of the Mayor is recognizing important occasions within our community; and*

WHEREAS: The Center of Science and Industry (COSI) recognizes Central Ohio individuals who champion science, technology, engineering and mathematics with the distinguished, annual STEM Star Award; and

WHEREAS: The City of Grove City nominated Erandi De Silva, Ph.D., for the 2022 COSI STEM Star Award, a recognized champion for the biotech ecosystem in Grove City; and

WHEREAS: Co-Founder and Senior Vice President of Product Development at Forge Biologics, Dr. De Silva continually applies her exemplary science skills developing therapeutic treatments for patients with Krabbe disease, a rare and fatal genetic disorder, focused on bringing the therapy from concept to reality in clinical trials later this year; and

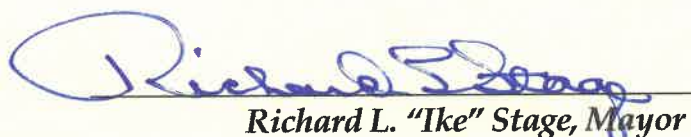
WHEREAS: Dr. De Silva, launched the leadership initiative, "She Forges," to ensure other women reach upper management roles, while serving as an outstanding mentor to young female engineers and scientists to pursue STEM fields; and

WHEREAS: The Grove City community is truly proud to recognize and celebrate our esteemed Dr. De Silva as COSI's 2022 STEM Star Award recipient.

NOW, THEREFORE, we do hereby recognize and acknowledge, with considerable praise, Dr. De Silva's success and contributions to the industry as well as the City's efforts to increase STEM awareness. The Grove City community offers a heartfelt thank you and wishes her continued success.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of Grove City to be affixed this 7th day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-two.


Richard L. "Ike" Stage, Mayor