

## A RESOLUTION

designating the east/west alley located south of the Missouri Theatre and between Eighth Street and Ninth Street as "Historic Vianello Way."

WHEREAS, Hugo Vianello was born on January 16, 1926 in New York City and earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in music from the Manhattan School of Music; and

WHEREAS, Hugo Vianello began his symphonic career as a violist, touring extensively throughout the United States as well as internationally in Greece, Lebanon, Iran, Iraq, India, Pakistan, Turkey, Yugoslavia and Canada; and

WHEREAS, Hugo Vianello made his conducting debut with the Oklahoma City Symphony in 1955; and

WHEREAS, Maestro Vianello and his family moved to Columbia, Missouri in 1968 when Hugo become director of orchestral activities at Stephens College; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, Hugo Vianello and his wife Lucy, along with others, founded the Missouri Symphony Society where Maestro Vianello served as artistic director and conductor for 28 years, until his retirement, when he was named conductor laureate; and

WHEREAS, Maestro Vianello was instrumental in saving the historic Missouri Theatre from demolition when he led the Missouri Symphony Society to buy the theater for its home in 1987; and

WHEREAS, although well-known as a local treasure, Maestro Vianello was a national treasure; he conducted orchestras around the United States and in Mexico and was also an accomplished composer, best known for his published *Christmas Kaleidoscope* and, most recently, the operetta *An Antique Carol* performed locally at Talking Horse Productions; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Arts Council honored Maestro Vianello with a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2006; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the Missouri Theatre auditorium was dedicated to Lucy and Hugo Vianello for their role in its preservation and in 2015, the couple were honored by the City of Columbia's Historic Preservation Commission for preserving and restoring the theatre; and

WHEREAS, Hugo Vianello died on March 30, 2018 at age 92 after spending the majority of his life bring joy through music to others while mentoring and inspiring young musicians; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to honor Maestro Vianello's lifework as a composer, conductor, preservationist and mentor of aspiring musicians by designating the east/west alley located south of the Missouri Theatre and between Eighth Street and Ninth Street, which is often used by performers to enter the historic theatre, as "Historic Vianello Way" to serve as a reminder and inspiration for future generations of Columbians of the beauty of musical art.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby designates the east/west alley located south of the Missouri Theatre and between Eighth Street and Ninth Street as "Historic Vianello Way" and authorizes the installation and maintenance of appropriate historic signage to designate the location.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Counselor