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**RESOLUTION NO. 08-2020**  
**SPONSORED BY: Mrs. Debevec**

**TITLE: COMMENDATION – OFFICER KENNY CHEATHAM**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON TO HONOR AND GIVE PUBLIC RECOGNITION TO OFFICER KENNY CHEATHAM FOR HIS 29 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THIS CITY AS A MEMBER OF THE BARBERTON POLICE DEPARMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMEGENCY.**

**WHERAS**, Kenneth Cheatham was born and raised in Barberton the youngest of four sisters and three brothers and is a twin. He graduated from Barberton High School in 1984. He served proudly served in the United States Army on active duty from 1984 to 1987. After being honorably discharged he served in the Army Reserves; and

**WHEREAS**, Kenny answered the call to duty in 1991 and defended freedom in Saudi Arabia and Iraq during Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm. Returning home, Kenny was hired by Police Chief Gene Mosley as a Barberton Dispatcher. During his time as a Dispatcher, Kenny received recognition and letters of thanks for efforts and service. He was honored by the Rotary Club as the 1994 Employee of the Year; and

**WHERAS**, Kenny then aspired to and was hired by Chief Claude Collins in August of 1995 as a Barberton Police Officer. During his time as a road officer, Kenny became known as a respected and community minded officer who treated everyone fairly. It was obvious that he had a special affinity to assist and guide the children he encountered on his beat; and

**WHERAS**, Kenny was the perfect choice of Chief Mike Kallai to become the first School Resource Officer in the Barberton Schools in the fall of 1999. Kenny took his talents to Barberton High School where for the next 20 years; he kept everyone at school safe and raised generations of Barberton kids. He is the epitome of what and how a School Resource Officer should be; and

**WHERAS**, Kenny has been a pioneer his entire career and besides being on Patrol and an SRO has served as the Tow Commander, a D.A.R.E. Officer, a SWAT Team Hostage Negotiator, Safety Town Coordinator, Shop With A Cop Coordinator, departmental chaplain and other roles that have all made a positive impact on the community; and

**WHERAS**, Kenny has a file full of letters of recognition, appreciation and commendations; he is so much more than just a police officer. He is the Pastor of his church, Community Holiness Church, where his mission of service, comforting, uplifting and spreading joy and love to others continues; and

**WHERAS**, most of all Kenny is a family man; devoted husband to his wife Cindy, extremely proud papa of his daughters Moriah and Alexia, son, brother, uncle, role model, mentor, co-worker and friend. The bonds forged in the working world will not end in retirement; and

**WHERAS**, we wish Kenny a healthy and happy retirement and thank him for sharing and truly giving of all of himself and 29 years of faithful, loyal and dedicated service to the department, the City of Barberton and the entire community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Barberton, State of Ohio:

**SECTION 1.** That the Council of the City of Barberton hereby honors and gives public recognition to Officer Kenny Cheatham for his 29 years of dedicated service to this City as a member of the Barberton Police Department.

**SECTION 2.** That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

**SECTION 3.** That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, convenience and welfare of the City of Barberton and the inhabitants thereof, in order for this to go into effect as soon as possible, and provided it receives the necessary votes required by the City Charter, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval; otherwise to be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed \_\_\_\_\_ 2020

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Clerk of Council

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President of Council

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ 2020

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Mayor