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RESOLUTION NO. 109-2020
SPONSORED BY: MRS. DEBEVEC

TITLE: COMMENDATION – FIREFIGHTER KEVIN KING

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON
HONORING AND GIVING PUBLIC RECOGNITION TO FIREFIGHTER KEVIN
KING FOR 20 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE OHIO TASK FORCE ONE.**

WHEREAS, the National Urban Search & Rescue Response System established a framework for organizing federal, state and local partner emergency response teams as integrated federal disaster response task forces, There are 28 US&R task forces in the United States that can be deployed to a disaster area to provide assistance in structural collapse rescue, or they may be pre-positioned when a major disaster threatens a community. Ohio Task Force One is one of the 28 teams.

WHEREAS, Firefighter King earned a position with Ohio Task Force One as a Rescue Specialist in April of 2001. During his twenty-year career with the task force, Firefighter King has been deployed to some of the worst disasters in United States’ history:

- 2001 World Trade Center Attack
- 2003 Hurricane Isabel
- 2005 Hurricane Katrina
- 2008 Hurricane Ike
- 2010 Ohio National Guard Talon Shield Exercise
- 2010 Haiti Earthquake
- 2011 National Level Exercise 2011
- 2011 Hurricane Irene
- 2016 Hurricane Matthew

WHEREAS, Firefighter King held several positions within the Ohio Task Force One:

- Rescue Specialist
- Rescue Squad Officer
- Rescue Team Manager
- Instructor & Evaluator

WHEREAS, Firefighter King has received numerous federal, state and local awards and commendations for his efforts.

WHEREAS, Kevin’s wife, Dianthus, and their children Rowan, Declan and Zoe have given constant support and we thank them for sharing their husband and father with a grateful nation and the Barberton 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 commends Firefighter King on his retirement from Ohio Task Force One and thanks him for his 20 years of dedicated and selfless service.

SECTION 2. That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed _____ 2020

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Approved _____ 2020

Mayor