

**PRESENTED BY: MAURER, SOYARS, DEBEVEC  
ENDRES, LYSENKO, WAGNER, MEGYES, AVANT & FREY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 172-2014  
SPONSORED BY: MR. SOYARS**

**TITLE: COMMENDATION – CHIEF MORBER**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON TO  
HONOR AND GIVE PUBLIC RECOGNITION TO CHIEF MORBER FOR HIS BEING  
AN ADVOCATE IN THE MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES FIELD.**

**WHEREAS**, on Tuesday, October 7, 2014 Chief Vince Morber was recognized by the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health (ADM) Services Board where he received the Drs. Fred and Penny Frese Award; and

**WHEREAS**, since becoming Chief of Police in 2010, Vince has made a significant, positive impact in educating others in our community by partnering with the ADM Board and other community partners to educate multiple audiences on a variety of mental health and addiction issues; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2011, Chief Morber served on a planning team and presented at two community forums on Bath Salts and in 2012 served on a planning team, where he helped obtain funding and promotion for the depression awareness program, “Real Men Do Cry” which included presentations to all Barberton High School students and a community forum; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Morber has enhanced his department’s ability to respond to people with a mental health or addiction crisis by increasing the number of Barberton Police officers who attended the 40 hour Crisis Intervention Team Training program, where 1/3 of the Barberton Police Department are graduates of the program; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Morber co-chairs the criminal justice subcommittee on the Summit County Opiate Task Force where they have developed two innovative prevention strategies related to opiates which are: 1. In addition to having an unused prescription drug box available to the public at the Police station, he also developed a pick up program where Barberton residents can call to have their unused prescription drugs picked up by Barberton Police, and 2. He partnered with local funeral homes to develop protocols where families would be asked to bring in unused prescription medications from their deceased relative and then the Barberton Police would properly dispose of the medications; and

**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 Chief Morber for his being an Advocate in the Mental Health and Addiction Services Field.

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

Passed \_\_\_\_\_ 2014

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Clerk of Council

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President of Council

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ 2014

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Mayor