

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 189-2013
SPONSORED BY: MR. SOYARS**

TITLE: COMMENDATION – WILLIAM R. PFEIFFER

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON TO
HONOR AND GIVE PUBLIC RECOGNITION TO WILLIAM R. PFEIFFER FOR 31
YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE BARBERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
AND TO THIS COMMUNITY.**

WHEREAS, William R. Pfeiffer was hired as a Barberton Police Officer on November 29, 1982 by Chief Gene Mosley. Bill rose through the ranks and was promoted to Sergeant in 1996 and Lieutenant in 1998; and

WHEREAS, during his long and dedicated career, Bill has served in just about every capacity and position starting as a Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, SWAT Team Member, Juvenile Officer, DARE Officer, Narcotics Officer, Patrol Supervisor, Detective Bureau Commander, Patrol Commander and Administrative Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, the sudden death of Chief Mike Kallai in June of 2010 thrust Bill into the unenviable position of being tasked with leading the department as Interim Police Chief during that unsettled and grieving period for our department and community. Bill showed the courage, leadership and strength that the department needed and that Chief Kallai would have been very proud of; and

WHEREAS, Bill's personnel file is chock full of thank you letters and recognitions for his professional and dedicated police service including multiple homicide investigations, burglary and auto theft rings, and heinous crimes against children that were all successfully investigated and prosecuted in large part due to Bill's tenacity for truth and commitment to justice; and

WHEREAS, Bill is an active and respected member of his community and profession. Amongst his many volunteer activities over the years are youth soccer and basketball coach, past president of the AAA Traffic Safety Council, member of the DARE and Juvenile Officers Associations and current Junior Varsity Head Basketball coach for Manchester High School. His commitment to youth runs deep as evidenced by the strong collaboration he has established over the years with the Barberton School system; and

WHEREAS, the organization closest to Bill's heart though is Special Olympics. Bill was a founding member of the Ohio Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. His belief in the power of sports to change everyone's life led him to spend four days living on a billboard in Cleveland with Cleveland Sergeant Marvin Cross in 1996. The two of them not only raised money for their fundraising goal but they raised awareness and acceptance for those with intellectual disabilities. Bill has served as both the Akron and Ohio Coordinator for Torch Run. Bill has passed that torch onto others in the department such as Charlie Ries, Steve Burt and Shannon Davis who continue the work that Bill started; and

WHEREAS, Bill is a proud active Army veteran and an educated man who has an Associates from The University of Akron and Bachelors from Kent State University in addition to numerous career trainings and schools. Bill has never quit learning and even as he passed the quarter century of service mark he was eagerly learning the latest in law enforcement technology that has resulted in the department finally making the leap into the modern digital and cloud based systems environment; and

WHEREAS, Bill though is most proud of his family. He'll say that the best decision he ever made was to ask the former Elizabeth Trockle to marry him in 1983. Together they have raised three smart, successful and beautiful children; Meghan (Tim) Effinger, Robert (Megan) and Timothy (fiancée Melissa). Robert followed in both his father's Army and police boots and is a Police Officer in Mishawaka Illinois. Bill and Liz's life was further blessed with two precious grandchildren from daughter Meghan; Lucas (age 2) and Brendan (2 months). Bill has already started schooling them in the intricacies of balls screens and pick and rolls in anticipation of scholarships to Duke University; and

WHEREAS, Bill has dedicated and devoted 31 years to the Barberton Police Department and the City of Barberton as an officer, leader and friend. His loyalty and dedication to duty and honor will be sorely missed. The West Wing will be quiet without its Warrior; and

WHEREAS, along with the men and women of the Barberton Police Department, the City and citizens would like to wish Bill good health, happiness and continued success for years to come. Thank you good and faithful servant for a job well done.

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 William R. Pfeiffer for a total of thirty (31) years of dedicated service to the Barberton Police Department and to this community.

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

Passed _____ 2013

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Approved _____ 2013

Mayor