

RESOLUTION NO. 22-2022

TITLE: COMMENDATION – DOROTHY SOMERVILLE

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON TO HONOR AND GIVE PUBLIC RECOGNITION TO DOROTHY SOMERVILLE FOR HER CONTINUOUS DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF BARBERTON.

WHEREAS, Dorothy started as a member of the Board of Directors at Barberton Area Community Ministries (BACM) in 2014 and became the Executive Director in 2018. She has spent 40 years in nursing, specializing in geriatrics and has a passion to help anyone, anywhere. Dorothy is a Certified Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIP) Counselor allowing her to provide information and applications for Medicare and Medicaid plans to many of our residents; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy started a program with Reverend Edmond Fast, Ph.D. to help veterans with benefits, counseling in regards to PTSD, and getting through the medical process at the Veterans Administration. This has been a wonderful service for veterans; and

WHEREAS, some of the achievements that Dorothy has achieved include; starting a clinic for hearing impaired, proving insurance information by TTY for Humana and United Healthcare and coordinating with OSU Extension Operations to create the Nutritional Classes at BACM, working with The Heart Association, Barberton Community Foundation and Dr. Hughes to establish a program with nutritional food for patients that have been discharged to their home, assisting with applications for veterans benefits, SNAP, HEAP, smoke detectors, free and reduced lunches at the Barberton Active Adult Center, healthcare power of attorney, general power of attorney, NCS, FirstEnergy Energy Conservation Refrigerators, guardianship, property deduction for destroyed and damaged property, home weather assistant program, backpack, senior and/or disabled client deliveries and CSFP boxes for senior services.

WHEREAS, Dorothy is President of South Summit Chamber of Commerce, Cabinet member of the newly formed International Welcome Center (IWC) in New Franklin, member of the Mayor's Non-Profit Committee, member of Governor DeWine's faith based non-profit committee, board member of Safe Harbor, Active with the Akron Canton Food Bank, assists with the Canal Days Pageant and is a 2018 Class 4 graduate of Barberton Community Leadership Institute and the 2020 recipient of the Barberton Community Foundation's Game Changer Award.

WHEREAS, Dorothy has expanded the programs at BACM to better provide for the community it serves. She commits that BACM serves military. Dorothy has represented BACM at many functions including the 2019 Polar Bear Jump to help raise money for the Akron/Canton regional foodbank.; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy recently lost her husband, Ronald, of 40+ years, and has two children, David (Dawn) & Rhonda (Vinson), 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Most people know Dorothy as a friendly face, offering a kind word. However, Dorothy does not look for credit in her dedication to the City. This resolution honors Dorothy Somerville's impact in Barberton and her leadership and dedication to the programs of BACM.

SECTION 1. That the Council of the City of Barberton hereby honors and gives public recognition to Dorothy Somerville for her continuous dedication to the City of Barberton.

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

Passed FEBRUARY 28, 2022

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Approved _____ 2022

Mayor