

**RESOLUTION NO. 36-2021  
SPONSORED BY:**

**TITLE: COMMENDATION – OFFICER STEVE COBURN**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON TO HONOR AND GIVE PUBLIC RECOGNITION TO OFFICER STEVE COBURN FOR HIS COURAGEOUS ACT OF HEROISM ON MARCH 24, 2021.**

**WHEREAS**, On March 24, 2021, City of Barberton Police Officer Stephen Coburn flew from Cleveland, Ohio to Las Vegas, Nevada for a scheduled vacation; and

**WHEREAS**, during the flight, an unruly and dangerous passenger exited the restroom without wearing his shirt or shoes. While in mid-flight, this man attempted to open an exit door to the aircraft; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Coburn witnessed the flight attendants making an unsuccessful attempt at pulling this man away from the door. The suspect was agitated and combative, which rendered the flight attendants unable to restrain him and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Coburn recognized the gravity of the situation and, without hesitation, jumped in to assist the flight crew in getting this disturbed individual under control. Further investigation by the authorities revealed the suspect wanted to “kill everyone, including himself, on the aircraft;” and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Coburn’s actions on Flight 185 were a credit to the Barberton Police Department and the law enforcement profession he serves. Although a team effort, his quick actions saved crew and passengers from injury or worse. It is clear Officer Coburn possesses the instinct and ability to take appropriate action under exceptionally, stressful circumstances.

**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 Steve Coburn for his courageous act of heroism on March 24, 2021.

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

Passed \_\_\_\_\_ 2021

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Clerk of Council

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President of Council

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ 2021

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Mayor