

RESOLUTION NO. 39-2022

TITLE: COMMENDATION – CHIEF ROB PURSLEY

A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON COMMENDING CHIEF ROB PURSLEY FOR HIS 30 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE TO THE CITY OF BARBERTON AND THE BARBERTON FIRE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, Rob Pursley was hired as a Firefighter/Paramedic on February 1, 1992. He worked his way through the ranks as he was promoted to Lieutenant on May 28, 1998 and Captain on June 10, 2013. He became Chief of Fire on April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Chief Pursley belonged to numerous professional and community boards and his personnel file is full of countless City and State awards. He was also a member of the Summit County Technical Rescue Operations Team for more than 22 years; and from 2002-2015, a member of Ohio Task Force 1 (OHTF-1). While serving on one of the Federal Urban Search and Rescue Teams in the United States, he held several positions including Rescue Specialist, Rescue Squad Officer, and Technical Information Specialist; and

WHEREAS, Chief Pursley holds an Associate of Applied Science, Fire Science Degree, Bachelor of Science, Fire & Safety Engineering Technology Degree, Master of Public Administration Degree, and an impressive Ph. D. in Public Policy and Administration; and

WHEREAS, Chief Pursley enjoys woodworking, photography and stained glass projects. He has gifted many of his woodworking creations for community auctions; and

WHEREAS, after retiring, Chief Pursley plans on being active in the Safety Forces Support Center in Akron as well as Assist 77, serving as a peer debriefer. He is also looking forward to continuing his podcast Mentors on Fire, which is focused on mentoring in the safety forces; and

WHEREAS, Chief Pursley is happily married to Erika Pursley and the two of them look forward to traveling after he retires March 31, 2022.

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 Rob Pursley for his 30 years of dedicated service to the Barberton Fire Department.

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

Passed MARCH 28, 2022

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Approved _____ 2022

Mayor