

**RESOLUTION NO. 42-2021**

**TITLE: COMMENDATION – SUMMER**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON TO HONOR AND GIVE PUBLIC RECOGNITION TO JOHN YARSA AND HIS THERAPY DOG SUMMER.**

**WHEREAS**, although Golden Retriever “Summer” passed (2 days’ shy of her 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday) April 13, 2021, her legacy will live on; and

**WHEREAS**, “Sweet Days of SUMMER” brightened the lives of her human parents John and Laura Yarsa (deceased 2020); and

**WHEREAS**, Summer grew into a phenomenal therapy dog who visited people in nursing homes, hospice, Barberton schools, Barberton Branch of Summit DD, Barberton Library, entertained people at many community events and even met with Senator LaRose to discuss stronger animal abuse laws. She appeared, performed and contributed to many charity events ..... too many to list; and

**WHEREAS**, Summer was the spokes-dog for the local Lions Club, collecting thousands of used eyeglasses which earned her recognition in a National Magazine as one of the top dogs in the United States. Dick Goddard also honored Summer on stage and in the Woolley Bear Parade for her amazing talents; and

**WHEREAS**, Summer will be missed by John, everyone who was fortunate enough to meet her and the many lives that she touched.

**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 John Yarsa and his therapy dog “Summer” for providing Barberton residents with comfort, laughter and affection where she provided each of them a temporary escape from their daily struggles.

**SECTION 2.** That this ordinance 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