

RESOLUTION NO. 45 - 2025

TITLE: COMMENDATION – DAVID SEMIVAN

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON TO HONOR AND GIVE PUBLIC RECOGNITION TO LIEUTENANT DAVID SEMIVAN FOR HIS 33 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF BARBERTON FIRE DEPARTMENT AND TO THIS COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, David Semivan was hired as a Barberton Firefighter on January 7, 1992. He was promoted to Lieutenant October 11,1999. David Semivan retired February 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS, during his service to the Fire Department and City, Lieutenant Semivan was certified in State of Ohio Firefighter Level II, State of Ohio Paramedic, State of Ohio Fire Instructor, State of Ohio Fire Inspector, State of Ohio Incident Safety Officer, NFPA Fire Officer 1 and 2, Volunteer Firefighter, Incident Command NIMS 100, 200, 300, 400, 700 and 800, and has received an Associate of Applied Science Fire Protection Technology Degree from the University of Akron; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, Lieutenant Semivan received the “Circle of Friends” award from the Barberton Education Association as a member of the Public Education Committee work within the school system; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, Lieutenant Semivan received a letter of recognition for rescuing a trapped occupant from a second story window during a house fire on 1st St. NW; and

WHEREAS, David Semivan participated in our Public Education Program, participated on the Summit County Technical Rescue Operations Team, served on the City Health Care Committee, and served as a Shift Representative for FF Local Union 329 for multiple years; and

WHEREAS, David Semivan was married to his late wife, Heidi for 26 years. Lieutenant Semivan and Heidi have one daughter named Jena. Jena is married to Aaron Hoxworth, son of former Barberton Fire Department Lieutenant Chris Hoxworth. David and Chris were hired at the same time and their kids met at a young age at the fire station and attended Christmas parties together; and

WHEREAS, David has a granddaughter named Riley and a grandson due to arrive in July; and

WHEREAS, this Council, along with the Administration, the Barberton Fire Department and citizens, wish David health, happiness for years to come!

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 Lieutenant David Semivan for his 33 years of dedicated service to the Barberton Fire Department and to this community.

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 ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, convenience and welfare of the City of Barberton and the inhabitants thereof, in order to proceed in a timely manner, and provided it receives the necessary votes required by the City Charter, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval; otherwise to be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed April 28, 2025

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Approved _____2025

Mayor