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RESOLUTION 2020-WS-12

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION URGING THE OHIO LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT HOUSE BILL 308, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE FIRST RESPONDERS PTSD BENEFITS BILL, SPONSORED BY STATE REPRESENTATIVE TOM PATTON

WHEREAS, the 133rd General Assembly of the State of Ohio is presently considering House Bill 308, which is commonly referred to as the First Responders PTSD Benefits Bill, sponsored by State Representative Tom Patton; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 308 has already been passed by the Ohio House of Representative and several other States have previously adopted similar legislation; and

WHEREAS, This Bill, if enacted into law, will allow first responders, including peace officers, firefighters and emergency medical workers who suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), acquired on the job and due to their employment, to be eligible to receive compensation and benefits, whether or not they possess accompanying physical injuries; and

WHEREAS, PTSD is a psychiatric disorder that can occur in people who have experienced or witnesses traumatic events such as serious accidents, acts of crime, terror, war or combat, and those who have been threatened with death, sexual violence or serious injury, and symptoms of PTSD can manifest themselves as anxiety, sleeplessness, trouble concentrating, irritability, anger, aggressive behavior, guilt, substance and alcohol abuse, negative job performance and suicidal thoughts and/or attempts; and

WHEREAS, several groups have testified in support of House Bill 308 including the Ohio Association of Professional Fire Fighters, the Ohio State Medical Association, the Columbus Fire Fighters IAFF Local 67 and the Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of House Bill 308 will, as declared by Representative Patton, “ensure the much-needed relief for first responders who have served the public and suffer from PTSD as a result of performing their duties”, and their courage and selflessness certainly demands they be afforded the treatment and care they both need and deserve.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Oakwood, State of Ohio; that

SECTION 1. The Council of the Village of Oakwood. The Mayor and Officers of the Administration, do hereby urge the Ohio General Assembly to promptly enact House Bill 308 in order to support, assist and protect the mental health and wellbeing of the courageous individuals who serve the public as peace offices, firefighters and emergency medical workers;

SECTION 2. The Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and instruction to forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Mike DeWine, District State Senator Matt Dolan and the Clerks of Council in communities surrounding Oakwood Village.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the approval of this Resolution were approved in an open meeting of this Council, and all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 131.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall take effect, and be in force, from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____

Johnnie A. Warren, President of Council

Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council

Presented to the
Mayor _____

Approved: _____

Mayor – Gary V Gottschalk

I, Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2020-____ was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the ____ day of _____ 2020.

Clerk of Council

POSTING CERTIFICATE

I, Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Resolution 2020-____ was duly posted on the ____ day of _____ 2020 and will remain posted for a period of fifteen (15) days thereafter in the Council Chambers and in not less than (5) of the most public places in the municipality as determined by the Council of the said Village.

Clerk of Council

DATED: _____