

COUNCIL CHAMBER

City of Berea, Ohio

Resolution No. 2013-7

By Dean W. Van Dress Sponsored By Mayor Cyril M. Kleem
Cheryl A. Banaszak

A RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF BEREА, OHIO FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN PROVIDING SAFETY, EDUCATION AND COUNSELING SERVICES IN OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS THROUGH THE IN-SCHOOL PLACEMENT OF A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AND TO REQUEST THAT THE STATE OF OHIO AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES WHICH WOULD ALLOW THE CONTINUED PLACEMENT OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS IN OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, the safety and security of our students, teachers and staff is vital to providing a quality education; and

WHEREAS, the recent tragic events in Chardon, Ohio and Newton, Connecticut and in other communities have highlighted the need to immediately address school security concerns; and

WHEREAS, school districts are required to address other needs which are critical to the ability to provide a quality education; and

WHEREAS, since 2009, in recognition of the need to assist in efforts to provide a safe and secure atmosphere for our students, teachers and staff, the City of Berea has provided resources, including a designated School Resource Officer; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing a well-trained, armed security presence in the schools, the School Resource Officer has specialized training in educating and counseling youth in subjects including, but not limited to, drug and alcohol abuse, Internet safety and conflict management; and

WHEREAS, the School Resource Officer also presents a much needed positive image, role model and mentor to our youth which is both professional and appropriate of a well disciplined police/peace officer, including an emphasis on physical fitness, being disciplined, firm, fair and yet at the same time understanding, compassionate, outgoing, positive, kind and friendly; and

WHEREAS, the School Resource Officer is also a resource for school administrators, teachers, staff and parents and acts as a liaison with the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO), school- based policing is the fastest growing area of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, our nation's cities, including Berea, have witnessed significant reductions in revenue sources, including taxes and local fees, and endured decreased assistance from our State and National governments; and

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WHEREAS, the City of Berea provides one School Resource Officer who is a trained and certified police/peace officer primarily to Berea High School but also to our elementary and middle schools as well as our two private Catholic schools; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEREА, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Mayor and Council of the City of Berea, Ohio do hereby express their support of the efforts of School Resource Officers who provides a wealth of resources in addition to security to our school children, administration, staff, teachers, parents and the entire community and do hereby call upon our State and National governments to support cities, financially, through training, resources, information or any other way possible, in their efforts to provide School Resource Officers and their specialized training for our schools.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the approval of this Resolution were adopted 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 actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: January 23, 2013

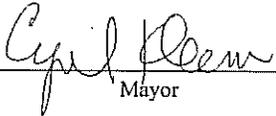


President of Council

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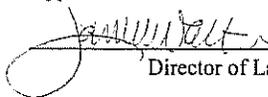
Clerk of Council

APPROVED: January 24, 2013



Mayor

Approved as to Form:



Director of Law