

**A RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND THANK MAYOR BESHARA  
FOR HER DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THE VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD FROM  
JANUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019**

- WHEREAS:** Mayor Beshara worked tirelessly to retain, expand and grow commerce leading to the increase of income tax collections from \$7.8M to \$11M, a 30% increase; and
- WHEREAS:** Mayor Beshara facilitated the application of numerous grants totaling approximately \$2M to implement and offset public project improvements; and
- WHEREAS:** Mayor Beshara initiated, led and implemented an updated Village website and expansion of social media and Village Newsletter that improved and expanded communication to residents and the business community; and
- WHEREAS:** Mayor Beshara, was ever vigilant to protect the public's safety on a daily basis and holds the distinction of the Village's assistance to Cleveland for the 2016 Republican National Convention and preparing for the March, 2018 Presidential visit that involved implementation plans, organization and coordination of personnel from all departments to ensure safety; and
- WHEREAS:** Mayor Beshara, was mindful of fiscal challenges to balance the cost of government operations and maintaining services to residents by facilitating implementation of process improvements and efficiencies such as: time and attendance payroll module saving 30% of payroll processing time; and
- WHEREAS:** Mayor Beshara was an active leader in numerous intergovernmental organizations that allowed the Village to share resources and was steadfast in her collaborate approach to working with these entities for the betterment of the Village; this network included such agencies such as, Summit County Public Health District Advisory Executive Committee, Mayor's Association of Portage, Summit and Star Counties (MAPSS), Northeast Ohio Mayor's Association Executive Committee (NEOM), Brownfield Technical Advisory Commission of Summit County (BRAC), Member and Chair of Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS), and Natural Resources Advisory Commission for District 8 (NRAC); and
- WHEREAS:** Mayor Beshara led efforts to convert a private sewer system in the Briarwood area to the Village's infrastructure resulting in more affordable sewer service and safeguarding the environment; and
- WHEREAS:** Mayor Beshara facilitated and led plans for the Village's Jubilee Celebration that included open houses, displays, commemorative items, monthly memorial events and communication to the citizenry; and
- WHEREAS:** Mayor Beshara organized the Mayor's Fitness Challenge, expanded summer concert programs, and community flu shots; and
- WHEREAS:** Mayor Beshara encouraged and facilitated in strategic planning for Police and Fire Departments to ensure ease of succession and to identify challenges facing the departments; and

**WHEREAS:** Mayor Beshara organized and held three (3) Business Breakfasts for businesses that provided a forum to discuss their challenges in their industry and foster relationships; and

**WHEREAS:** Mayor Beshara completed and led the adoption of the Village's Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Crossroads District Study in 2012, finalized the Clean Ohio Grant and Summit County Brownfields Coalition Grant resulting in the receipt of \$250K and \$75K respectfully in 2013, culminating with the dedication of Kinross Lakes Parkway South in 2018; and

**WHEREAS:** Mayor Beshara applied and attained Cleveland Magazine's Number 1 Suburb rating in 2014, 2015 and 2017; and

**WHEREAS:** Mayor Beshara was actively involved with the Public Tree and Landscape Commission and was instrumental in ensuring the Commission's recommendations for streetscape tree and shrub plantings, and landscape plans were implemented through the Adopt-a-Spot Program and village service operations; and

**WHEREAS:** Mayor Beshara coordinated the effort to host the Ohio Flags of Honor that remembered Ohio's fallen in the War on Terror and Gold Star Families; including local residents, Robert Gilbert Family and Robert Gilbert II; and

**WHEREAS:** Mayor Beshara succeeded in providing financial and manpower support to repair cemetery headstones, software, rules and plot inventory; and

**WHEREAS:** Council has appreciated Mayor Beshara's efforts and time committed to the position of Mayor, her advocacy for the Village, "can-do" attitude, collaborative efforts to provide solutions for challenges facing the Village; and

**WHEREAS:** Mayor Beshara implemented an open-door policy that was 24/7 which was never shirked earning her the moniker "Resident's Mayor;" and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by Council of the Village of Richfield, Summit County, State of Ohio:

**SECTION 1:** That this Council does hereby honor and congratulate Mayor Beshara for her service to the Village of Richfield while a member of Council.

**SECTION 2:** That the Clerk of Council, be and hereby is, authorized and directed to present to Mayor Beshara a certified copy of this Resolution as an expression of the appreciation of Mayor Beshara's service to the community of Richfield.

**SECTION 3:** This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

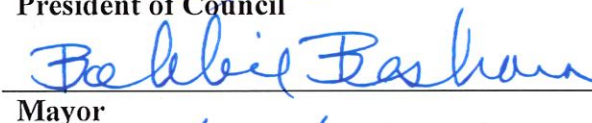
12-17-19

Passed

ATTEST

  
Clerk of Council

  
President of Council

  
Mayor

Dated

12/26/19