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CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO

RESOLUTION NO. 21-2020

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILMAN TROYER

A RESOLUTION

URGING THE OHIO LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT HOUSE BILL 308,  
COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE FIRST RESPONDERS PTSD BENEFITS BILL,  
SPONSORED BY REPRESENTATIVE TOM PATTON,  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the 133rd General Assembly of the State of Ohio is presently considering House Bill 308, with 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 Representatives, 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 witnessed 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 that they be afforded the treatment and care they both need and deserve.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Brook Park, State of Ohio that:

**SECTION 1:** That the Council of the City of Brook Park, hereby urges the Ohio General Assembly to pass House Bill 308 to help support, assist and protect the mental health and wellbeing of the courageous individuals who serve and the public as peace officers, firefights and emergency medical workers.

**SECTION 2:** The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the introducer of the bill, Representative Tom Patton, State Senator Nickie Antonio, Representative Bride Rose Sweeney and Governor Mike DeWine.

**SECTION 3:** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to 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 4:** This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of said City, and for the further reason that the City of Brook Park show its support of House Bill 308; therefore, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: November 17, 2020

M.P. Vecchio  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Troyer  
Mendini  
Orcutt  
Scott  
Schmuck  
Poindexter  
Salvatore

ATTEST: Michelle Blazak  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: [Signature]  
MAYOR

Yea  
Nay

CERTIFICATE

Michelle Blazak, Clerk of Council, of the City of Brook Park, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of Ordinance/Resolution No. 21-2020 passed on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November 20 20 by said council.  
Michelle Blazak  
Clerk of Council

11/18/2020  
DATE  
I, Michelle Blazak, Clerk of Council for the City of Brook Park, State of Ohio, do hereby certify that there is no newspaper of general circulation in the municipality and that publication of the foregoing ordinances/resolutions was made by posting true copies at five of the most public places in said municipality as determined by Ordinance No. 4838-1975; location City Hall 6161 Engle Road, Police Station 17401 Holland Road, #2 Fire Station 22530 Ruple Parkway, #3 Fire Station 17401 Holland Road, Brook Park Library 6165 Engle Road, for a period of fifteen days.  
commencing November 23, 2020  
Michelle Blazak  
MICHELLE BLAZAK  
Clerk of Council

I HEREBY APPROVE THE WITHIN INSTRUMENT AS TO LEGAL FORM AND CORRECTNESS  
[Signature]  
DIRECTOR OF LAW