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CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO

RESOLUTION NO. 4-2017

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT ASTORINO

A RESOLUTION  
URGING FIRSTENERGY TO CONTINUE HEALTH CARE COVERAGE  
FOR RETIREES OF THE UTILITY WORKERS UNION OF AMERICA  
OF THE CLEVELAND AND ASHTABULA DIVISION,  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, the Utility Workers Union of America (UWUA), Local 270 has negotiated retiree healthcare coverage on behalf of their members for over sixty-five years; and

**WHEREAS**, in a letter dated August 5, 2013, FirstEnergy stated it has no intention of sharing in the cost of health care coverage for union retirees after April 30, 2017; and;

**WHEREAS**, this dramatic shift in policy would have a crippling effect on the retirees of the Cleveland and Ashtabula Division of Local 270, and all active members when they retire—approximately 1100 workers in all; and

**WHEREAS**, FirstEnergy, during recent negotiations with Local 270, proposed the end of retiree health care coverage, and despite the union's fourteen counter-proposals, did not propose any options for the current retirees to offset the cost of health care; and

**WHEREAS**, utility work is inherently dangerous, physically demanding work, where workers are exposed to known human carcinogens; and

**WHEREAS**, FirstEnergy has a moral obligation to both its active and retired workers, and they should fulfill that obligation and reinstate health care cost sharing for already-affected retirees and cease its stated plan to end shared cost coverage for the retirees of the Cleveland and Ashtabula Division;

**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 is supporting the Utility Workers Union of America, Local 270 and demanding FirstEnergy fulfill the moral obligation to its active

members and retirees by fairly sharing the cost of health coverage as it has been done for many years.

**SECTION 2:** That the Clerk of Council shall send a certified copy of this Resolution to FirstEnergy and post to the City's web page.

**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 Resolution 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 further reason to urge FirstEnergy to keep their health care benefits for retirees; therefore, provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: March 9, 2017

Jim Anton  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: Michelle Blazak  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

I HEREBY APPROVE THE WITHIN INSTRUMENT AS TO LEGAL FORM AND CORRECTNESS

[Signature]  
DIRECTOR OF LAW

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

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. 4-2017 passed on the 30 day of March 2017 by said council.

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 six 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, #1 Fire Station 5590 Smith 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.

Nay | | | | |

Yea | | | | |

Michelle Blazak  
Clerk of Council

commencing March 10, 2017  
Michelle Blazak  
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Clerk of Council

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