

Whereas it is one of the duties of the Mayor of City of Westerville to recognize occasions of outstanding significance; and

WHEREAS, the Westerville Division of Fire first organized as the Franklin Fire Guards of Westerville in 1860 by ordinance number 6 with the purpose of protecting property against the danger of fire and were authorized with 25 volunteer firefighters, and

WHEREAS, the first 3 fulltime firefighters were hired 1979 and now has 108 employees; and

WHEREAS, in 1921 Westerville received its first motorized fire truck, and now has 6 fire vehicles; and

WHEREAS, in 1966 The Fire Division entered the into Emergency Medical service with the delivery of the first emergency squad they now have 3 paramedic ALS vehicles and 1 basic life support BLS vehicle; and

WHEREAS, in 1933 Blendon Township joined the City of Westerville to provide joint service to both communities; and

WHEREAS, the Westerville Division of Fire provides service to over 38,000 residents of Westerville and the 10,000 citizens of Blendon Township. NOW THEREFORE,

I, Kathleen Cocuzzi, Mayor of the City of Westerville, do hereby declare the year 2010 as the 150th Anniversary of the Westerville Division of Fire in Westerville and honor the men and women who willingly face danger every day for the safety of our citizens as well as those who have answered the call since 1860.

And I urge all residents to help celebrate the 150th Anniversary with the Westerville Fire Division at all three of the major events during the year and by thanking them for their service to the Community of Westerville.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused my seal to be affixed this 19th day of January, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

Kathleen Cocuzzi, Mayor