

WHEREAS it is one of the responsibilities of the Mayor of the City of Westerville to recognize occasions of outstanding significance;

WHEREAS, a basic ingredient in the foundation of this nation is the voluntary acceptance of initiative and responsibility by private citizens and voluntary organizations, and this fact is largely responsible for the progress and development of our great country; and

WHEREAS, many citizens of Westerville contribute to the well-being of fellow residents and the welfare of all our citizens by giving tirelessly of their time and energy without anticipation of recognition or reward of personal gain; and

WHEREAS, the giving of oneself in service to another empowers the giver and the recipient;

WHEREAS, volunteers are increasingly recognized as an important partner with government and industry in providing services to citizens; and

WHEREAS, for many years these individuals and organizations have worked quietly, often unnoticed by the general public, they inspire by example; NOW THEREFORE,

I, Kathleen Cocuzzi, Mayor of the City of Westerville, Ohio, do hereby proclaim April 21 through April 27, 2013 as

"NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK"

in Westerville, and urge all citizens to be aware of the contributions made by our service organizations and volunteer workers, including, Police and Fire Department Volunteers, Westerville Senior Center Volunteers, City of Westerville Board, Commission and Committee Members, Parks and Facility Improvement Volunteers, Westerville Path Watch Volunteers, Westerville Amateur Soccer Association Volunteers, Westerville Youth Baseball and Softball League Volunteers, Central Ohio Soccer Association Volunteers, Junior Football League of Westerville Volunteers, Westerville Lacrosse League Volunteers and all other VISION (Volunteers In Service In Our Neighborhoods) Volunteers.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused my seal to be affixed this 16th day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.