

**RESOLUTION RECORD
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRECKSVILLE**

Resolution No. 5556

**A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE
HONORABLE JERRY N. HRUBY UPON HIS
RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY OF
BRECKSVILLE**

WHEREAS, Mayor Jerry N. Hruby, a lifelong Brecksville resident, began his ninth consecutive term on January 2, 2020, and on January 2, 2024 concludes 56 years of unparalleled leadership and commitment to the City of Brecksville; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Hruby's esteemed Brecksville career began with the Brecksville Police Department on November 4, 1968 as an Undercover Narcotics Investigator. On May 20, 1969 he became a full time Patrolman. Three stripes were added to his uniform on November 1, 1970 when he was promoted to Sergeant. On August 9, 1977 the Lieutenant's bars graced his shoulders as he took the oath of office from his brother, Mayor Jack A. Hruby. During his police career he made local and national headlines in his role investigating numerous major criminal cases involving homicides, organized crime, drug investigations, bank robberies, major frauds, burglaries, thefts and political corruption; and

WHEREAS, December 26, 1986 was a sad day in Brecksville history when Mayor Jack A. Hruby passed away from leukemia. Jack had urged his brother Jerry to run for Mayor and he did, taking office on January 2, 1988. He became Brecksville's 11th Mayor. Throughout his 36 years in office, Mayor Jerry N. Hruby's steadfast dedication has been evident with his many roles including the City's Safety Director, Economic Development Director, twice Acting Service Director, and City Government Historian, always preserving the essence of Brecksville with the slogan he created, "Building Our Future with Respect for Our Past"; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, Brecksville witnessed the construction of a considerable amount of landmark projects including the beautiful Brecksville Community Center in 1992 and its signature Jack A. Hruby Natatorium with recent additions of outdoor and indoor activity pools. There has been major development of a new Human Services Center, Police Station, Recycling Center, Horticulture Center, Blossom Hill Service Building, City Post Office, Downtown shopping expansions, Millside Center, Creekview Commons, Rt.21 Streetscape, renovations of Public Square and the Old Town Hall, as well as acquisition of significant properties such as Blossom Hill from Cuyahoga County, Valor Acres, the former Veterans Administration Hospital grounds, and the former Dalad Property which have dramatically changed the appearance and financial picture of the City. Mayor Hruby has fostered partnerships resulting in the construction of a Cuyahoga County Library branch and a shared field house at the Blossom Hill Elementary School, and local projects with MetroParks and the Cuyahoga Valley National Park; and

WHEREAS, during Mayor Hruby's administration the city began full curbside recycling, one of the first cities in Cuyahoga County, and created a recycling center. The city established a horticulture department, and added a K-9 unit to the police services. Lighted fields and the synthetic turf field was installed at Blossom Hill. A full time Recreation Department was created and the first dedicated fitness facility created by a local government, was located in the Community Center, a Beautification Committee, Purchasing Department, and Kids Quarters Community Playground, which was built by the community, were all created during Mayor Hruby's administration, without an increase in property taxes for the entire 36 years he was Mayor.

WHEREAS, recognizing the importance of a historical legacy, Mayor Hruby was instrumental in the erection of the Bicentennial Obelisk at City Hall, part of Brecksville's four-day celebration of the 200th anniversary of the City's founding in 1811; and

WHEREAS, beyond his administrative roles, Mayor Hruby brought to life numerous theater roles “on the boards” of Old Town Hall in Brecksville Little Theater productions. His dedication to fostering community spirit is showcased through his annual writing and direction of the City’s Children’s Christmas Plays, while donning a certain familiar red costume and inviting children on his lap to whisper their Christmas wish; and

WHEREAS, his service on numerous boards and commissions led to the Walter F. Ehrnfelt, Jr. Award, the George V. Voinovich Award, membership on the TRAC, The Transportation Review Advisory Council of ODOT, President of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA), the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission, appointed to the National Park Service Advisory by President George W. Bush for an eight year term, helped author the State Urban Paving Program, and is currently serving his 14 fourteenth year as Chairman of the Ohio Turnpike Commission. Mayor Hruby was named to the James Garfield Hall of Fame and Brecksville Broadview Heights Gallery of Achievement. All of these appointments and awards exemplify his dedication and outstanding contributions to Brecksville and Northeast Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Jerry is a master politician and statesman and referred to as a Legend of Transportation and has held every office including President of the Cuyahoga County Mayors and Managers Association as well as the Northeast Ohio Mayor’s and Manger’s Association; and

WHEREAS, he has given a lifetime to the City he loves, not only for the residents, but also for the family that he loves. He is the man he is today because of his beautiful wife, Patty, daughter Anna, son-in-law Joe Klich and granddaughter Violet. We thank you for sharing this fine man with us.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Brecksville, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The Mayor and Council wish to publicly commend and express appreciation to Jerry N. Hruby for his dedicated, loyal, and committed service to the City of Brecksville and urge all residents to reflect upon and acknowledge his contribution to the betterment of our great City and community.

SECTION 2. The Mayor and Council of the City of Brecksville, and a grateful community, in honor of Jerry Hruby’s service and commitment due demonstrate our appreciation and admiration for his achievements

SECTION 3. The Clerk of Council be and she is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of this Resolution and cause the delivery of same to the family of Jerry N. Hruby. This Resolution shall be in full effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: May 21, 2024

APPROVED: May 21, 2024

MAYOR

CLERK OF COUNCIL