

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Thad Krejci began his career with the Stow Fire Department on October 1st, 1990, as one of the first twelve paramedics, affectionately known as “The Dirty Dozen”; and,

WHEREAS, Throughout his career he has been a selfless leader who requires no recognition, but quietly pushes the organization forward. He is the epitome of “Lead by Example”; and,

WHEREAS, Early in his career, then Firefighter Krejci joined the Technical Rescue Operations Team, or TROT, as most know it. As a member of TROT, he became trained in high angle, trench, confined space, and urban search and rescue. He also served as a member of the Stow Dive Rescue team which also served Summit County; and,

WHEREAS, In 2006 Lt. Krejci headed up the truck committee alongside Firefighter Bob Dobson and helped “spec” the future fire trucks for the department. Lt. Krejci is credited with aiding the design of seven ambulances, three fire engines, and one ladder truck for the Stow Fire Department; and,

WHEREAS, Upon delivery of the replacement fire engines, a retired engine was shipped to a village in Nicaragua, funded by the Stow-Munroe Falls Rotary. In 2008 Lt. Krejci and Firefighter Bob Dobson traveled to Nicaragua and trained the firefighters of the village with that engine and also donated other retired equipment to the impoverished fire department; and,

WHEREAS, Because of his compassion and care for EMS patients in the field, Lieutenant Krejci was recognized as an outstanding member of customer satisfaction in March of 2011; and,

WHEREAS, In recent years Lieutenant Krejci has worked frequently in the shift commander role as an acting captain. In the shift commandeer capacity he has continued to display calm and control over every incident he encounters.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Pribonic, Mayor of the City of Stow, and the Stow Fire Department are truly grateful for the dedication and leadership demonstrated by Lt. Krejci in each role he has taken throughout his career. He has left behind a legacy to be admired. Those who have worked with Lt. Krejci appreciate his devotion to the organization and this community for the past 33 years. Thank you Lt. Krejci; congratulations on your retirement!



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Stow, Ohio to be affixed this 16th day of October 2023.



John Pribonic, Mayor