



**A PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING
CHIEF JOHN HOOVLER
ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE PLAIN
TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, Chief John Hoovler started his career as a volunteer firefighter with the Johnstown Fire Department in 1974, and rose through the ranks as a lieutenant, captain, assistant chief, and chief for 46 years, and

WHEREAS, Chief Hoovler was sworn in as Fire Chief of the Plain Township Fire Department in October of 1994, and

WHEREAS, when Chief Hoovler started with Plain Township, the Village of New Albany had a population of roughly 2,250, and was comprised mostly of residential neighborhoods and farmland, and

WHEREAS, as New Albany and Plain Township grew, Chief Hoovler guided the expansion of the fire department to 38 full-time firefighters, plus support staff, who together completed over 2,900 fire and EMS runs in the past year, and

WHEREAS, Chief Hoovler has brightened the lives of those around him; he and his team have participated in Safety Town, Touch-a-Truck, city parades and events, the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony, and showed up *incognito* at certain holiday festivities.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor of the City of New Albany, Counties of Franklin and Licking, State of Ohio, on behalf of the Council and residents of New Albany wish to recognize and congratulate **Chief John Hoovler** on his well-deserved retirement after many decades of dedicated service to his community.

WHEREBY, I set my hand and seal this 7th day of July, 2020.



Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor