

Mayor's Proclamation

City of Canton, Ohio

COMMENDING CHIEF JOHN SABO 2012 STARK COUNTY FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

- WHEREAS,** today we are pleased to officially commend and acknowledge the selfless, dedicated services performed by a member of the county's safety forces who has contributed beyond measure to preserving and protecting the quality of life within our community; and
- WHEREAS,** it is most fitting and proper that on this occasion of his being named the 2012 STARK COUNTY FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR, as sponsored by the Canton Fire Prevention Bureau, the Stark County Safety Council, and the Exchange Club of Canton, we recognize Chief John Sabo for his 44 years of dedicated service to ensure safety to those of Stark County; and
- WHEREAS,** Chief John Sabo followed his father's footsteps and joined the Pleasant View Fire Department in 1968, the same year he graduated from Glenwood High School. In 1971, he was promoted to Captain and in 1976 he became a member of the township-operated Plain Township Fire Department. Chief Sabo became one of the first Career Firefighter/Paramedics in 1979 with Plain Township Fire Department, was promoted in 1982 to Assistant Township Chief and in 1993 became the Fire Chief; and
- WHEREAS,** Chief Sabo has fulfilled countless positions in different associations, some of which include serving as President of the Stark County Fire Chief's Association, being a member of the Ohio Fire Chief's Association, National Fire Protection Association, and International Society for Fire Service Instructors; and
- WHEREAS,** his devotion of time and knowledge to the education of firefighters as a Certified State of Ohio Fire Instructor, ICS Instructor with FEMA'S Center for Domestic Preparedness and teaching at Wayne County Fire School earned him the title of the 2010 Honorary Dean of Wayne County Fire School as well as a Fellow at the Ohio Fire Chief's Association 2011 Conference, an esteemed title; and
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I,** William J. Healy II, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Canton, Ohio, do hereby recognize

CHIEF JOHN SABO

as 2012 Stark County Firefighter of the Year on this 9th day of October, 2012, and urge all citizens to join with me in publicly according him with the respect, honor and admiration he truly deserves.


WILLIAM J. HEALY II
MAYOR