

# Mayor's Proclamation

## City of Canton, Ohio

### COMMENDING CHIEF TED HECK 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 Ted Heck for his 45 years of courageous service to ensure safety to those of Stark County; and
- WHEREAS,** Chief Heck joined the Jackson Township Fire Department in 1967 as a volunteer, became a career firefighter in January 1972 as the first full-time firefighter in Jackson Township, and was appointed to Fire Chief on December 1, 1975; and
- WHEREAS,** Chief Heck has worked with local legislators to secure a state-of-the-art firefighters training academy at Stark State College where he has been an instructor in numerous certification classes. He has also been an instructor in associate degree programs in emergency and fire medical services at Stark State since 1976; the fire tower, educational building, and burn building are all a result of Chief Heck's direct involvement; and
- WHEREAS,** Chief Heck has served on numerous boards in Stark County to dedicate his time to improving community fire services, a great dedication of time and effort recognized when he was named one of two recipients of the 2011 Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association's Distinguished Service Award. As a long-time member of the publications committee, Chief Heck has also been instrumental in providing content and critique for the *In Command* magazine; 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 TED HECK**

as 2012 Stark County Firefighter of the Year on this 9<sup>th</sup> 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