

Resolution No. 2016-13  
Celebrating the Cedarburg Fire Department's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

WHEREAS, The Cedarburg Common Council is proud to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Cedarburg Fire Department and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 150 years of fire protection to the citizens of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, and its surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, Fire Departments are an integral part of community protection service; during the past 150 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of the Cedarburg Volunteer Fire Department have valiantly responded to all types of fire emergencies for 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, for 150 years, whenever the alarm sounded and have won the praise and respect of the community which they serve; and

WHEREAS, the Cedarburg Fire Department was founded in 1866 with a common wish from a group of Cedarburg citizens, who assembled to discuss the purchase of a fire house. The Department held its first meeting on June 11, 1867 and has been served by ten Fire Chiefs in its 150 year history; and

WHEREAS, the Cedarburg Fire Department welcomed its first fully motorized piece of equipment in 1924, which still operates today for parades and special events; and

WHEREAS, the Cedarburg Fire Department formed the first rescue squad in the County in 1938 and it remains the most active company of the Fire Department to this day; and

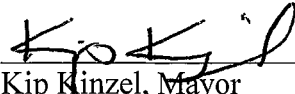
WHEREAS, in 1948, the Cedarburg Fire Department introduced the first Festival of Music which grew into one of the most significant music festivals in the country by the 1960's and was rated one of the best in the Country; and

WHEREAS, the foresight of the officers and members in the early 1940s helped form the Department into what it is today. At the December 4, 1940 meeting, the Department voted to purchase the Ozaukee County Fairgrounds, now known as Firemen's Park. From that time forward, the Department raised all of the money, from events at the park including sulky-type horse races, midget auto, big car and stock car races, motorcycle races, saddle horse races, tractor and truck pull competitions to purchase fire equipment. In 1966 Maxwell Street Days was formed and has been running for over 50 years; and

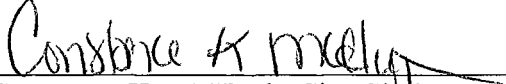
WHEREAS, the Cedarburg Fire Department has generously given back to the community over the last 150 years with financial help to many organizations and projects; since 1991 the Fire Department has had a significant impact on saving the taxpayers of Cedarburg over \$10 million in the acquisition of equipment and by truly being a volunteer department and not paying personnel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Kinzel and the Common Council of the City of Cedarburg hereby joins the citizens of the City of Cedarburg in extending its appreciation and gratitude to the Cedarburg Fire Department for performing exemplary service to the City and surrounding communities for 150 years.

Passed and adopted this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 2016.

  
Kip Kinzel, Mayor

Attest:

  
Constance K. McHugh, City Clerk