



PROCLAMATION

Recognition of Dr. Charlie M. Kimpesa

WHEREAS, Dr. Charlie M. Kimpesa provides critical medical care at the Ganta United Methodist Hospital in Ganta, Liberia, West Africa, where approximately 30,000 patients are treated annually; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kimpesa's efforts became known to Hudson Citizens Paula Shaw and Terri Wilhelm during visits to Ganta, Liberia, in 2014 and 2016; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kimpesa's visit to Hudson from March 9th through April 2nd, 2017, has enabled him to secure humanitarian aid in the form of much needed medical supplies and equipment for his patients in Ganta through MedWish International; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kimpesa has also gained invaluable knowledge of medical procedures by shadowing the following local physicians:

- Dr. Edward Barksdale, Division Chief, Pediatric Surgery University Hospitals Rainbow, Babies and Children's Hospital, Professor of Surgery at Case Western Reserve School of Medicine
- Dr. William Donahue, DPM, Foot and Ankle Surgery, Wound Care Specialist
- Dr. Steven Goldman, Board Certified in Plastic Surgery and Board Certified in Otolaryngology / Head & Neck Surgery
- Dr. Robert McGregor, Chief Medical Officer Akron Children's Hospital
- Dr. Rufus Rueben, Internal Medicine Geriatrics, Summa Health System
- Dr. Seth Silberman, Board Certified in Otolaryngology, Hillcrest Hospital and Surg Center Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, Hewitt and Paula Shaw have been honored to host Dr. Kimpesa during his stay in Hudson.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David A. Basil, Mayor of the City of Hudson, Ohio, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, March 29th, 2017, as

"DR. CHARLIE KIMPESA DAY IN THE CITY OF HUDSON"

and urge all residents of Hudson to recognize Dr. Kimpesa's important efforts to improve medical care for the people of Liberia on this day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF:

I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Hudson to be affixed on this 28th day of March, 2017.

David A. Basil, Mayor
City of Hudson, Ohio