

PROCLAMATION

Special Recognition of the 175th Anniversary of the Hudson Fire Department

WHEREAS, in May 1849, a group of citizens led by John Buss formed the Hudson Hook and Ladder Company later known as Hudson Volunteer Fire Department following an appeal to the Village for funding on November 13, 1854; and

WHEREAS, the first fire department building, a small barn, was located off Church Street behind the Congregational Church before becoming a part of Town Hall; and

WHEREAS, the Hudson Fire Department is fondly distinguished for several "firsts" in Summit County, Ohio, including the first fire engine, the first motorized fire truck and the first female volunteer firefighter; and

WHEREAS, today, Hudson Fire remains an invaluable asset to the Hudson community maintaining the integrity of the original Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Hudson Fire, Hudson EMS and the Hudson Police Department invite the community to attend the annual Safety Forces Open House on October 14, 2024 at 5:30 pm in the Fire Department parking lot at 40 S Oviatt St.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor of the City of Hudson, Ohio, do hereby recognize the 175th Anniversary of the Hudson Fire Department in the City of Hudson, and I urge residents to recognize this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF:

I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Hudson to be affixed on this 1^{st} day of October, 2024.

Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor City of Hudson, Ohio