

CLINTONVILLE AREA COMMISSION

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Clintonville Area First Responders Appreciation Day

WHEREAS, Columbus Police Officer Steven M. Smith was fatally wounded in the line of duty while engaged in a SWAT standoff in Clintonville on April 12th; and

WHEREAS, Officer Smith is the 54th CPD officer to die in the line of duty since 1816; and

WHEREAS, a first responder is a person, such as a police officer, firefighter, or EMT, trained in urgent medical care and other emergency procedures that are prepared to move immediately to the scene of an accident or disaster to provide assistance. First responders include members from many agencies: police, firemen, paramedics/EMTs, dispatchers, disaster agencies and even volunteers; and

WHEREAS, every day first responders risk their own safety and personal property in the performance of their duties to protect our citizens; and

WHEREAS, acts of kindness and appreciation from citizens for first responders provide them needed encouragement and support to confront the dangerous and uncertain situations they face every day;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Clintonville Area Commission, do hereby proclaim April 12th, as Clintonville Area First Responder Appreciation Day and encourage all members of the community to take time out of their day to show first responders and their families how much we value their service to our neighborhood and city.

Kristopher Keller

Chairman, Clintonville Area Commission