

Resolution 3-23

A Resolution of Orrville City Council acknowledging and commending the life-saving efforts of certain individuals at Orrville branch of Wayne County YMCA, Orrville Fire Department and Orrville Police Department.

WHEREAS, recent national events have brought to public attention the importance and life-saving potential of automated external defibrillators (“AED”), particularly when combined with cardiopulmonary resuscitation (“CPR”) and promptly seeking emergency medical assistance; and

WHEREAS, Sudden Cardiac Arrest is the leading cause of death in the United States, killing 300,000 people annually; and

WHEREAS, statistics show that for every minute that passes post arrest, chances of cardioversion or restoration of the regular heart rhythm, decrease by ten percent, reducing chances of survival. If a shock is delivered within the first minute of a sudden cardiac arrest, the survival rate is increased to 90 percent; and

WHEREAS, training in CPR and investment and use of an AED can make the difference between life and death in the event of sudden cardiac arrest; and

WHEREAS, On July 29, 2019, Jennifer Zehnder collapsed from full cardiac arrest while leading a Zumba exercise class at the Orrville branch of the Wayne County YMCA; and

WHEREAS, several individuals who were in attendance at the exercise class, including Lori Colon, Karrie McAllister, Nancy Hunter and Stacy Garrett, who immediately called for emergency medical assistance, began to administer CPR and engaged the AED unit; and

WHEREAS, Orrville Fire Department and Orrville Police Department quickly arrived at the scene and took over life-saving treatment, including transport to a local hospital; and

WHEREAS, the extensive training, quick thinking and combined, purposeful efforts of these departments and individuals likely saved Ms. Zehnder’s life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Orrville, State of Ohio:

Section 1. On behalf of the entire community, our highest praise and gratitude is hereby extended to Lori Colon, Karrie McAllister, Nancy Hunter and Stacy Garrett as well as the YMCA Members in attendance on July 29, 2019 for their quick response and unselfish, life-saving efforts as well as the professional and well-orchestrated efforts of the Orrville Fire Department and Orrville Police Department.

Section 2. Further, the commitment of the Orrville YMCA to provide and maintain AED equipment is acknowledged and appreciated as a critical component of prompt care needed for a cardiac event.

Section 3. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 20 day of February, 2023.



President of Council

Attest:


Clerk of Council

Approved:


Mayor, City of Orrville

2/20/23

Date