A Resolution of the Council of the City of Orrville, Ohio expressing its appreciation and thanks to David T. Handwerk, Mayor of the City of Orrville, Ohio upon his retirement.

Whereas, David T. Handwerk served as Mayor of Orrville, Ohio for four consecutive terms (16 years), President of Orrville City Council for 3 terms (12 years) and as a member of Council for 6 years; and

Whereas, much of this service took place concurrent to his work as both a teacher and coach for Orrville City Schools positively influencing the lives of countless young Red Riders; and

Whereas, Dave served on boards and advisory councils of many local and statewide organizations benefitting not only our community, but Wayne County and the State of Ohio including: the Orrville Area Boys and Girls Club, Heartland Education Community Steering Committee, Ohio Municipal League, OMEA (Ohio Municipal Electric Association) and the Wayne Economic Development Council Board; and

Whereas, Dave was instrumental in guiding the creation of the Wayne Ashland Regional Council of Governments (WARCOG) Dispatch Center which provides continuous emergency dispatch coverage to residents throughout the region; and

Whereas, Dave has been a constant and reliable advocate of and champion for municipal public power at the local, state and federal levels; and

Whereas, Dave has been a passionate force in promoting economic development by actively encouraging the establishment and expansion of business and industry throughout his tenure including the development of Orrville's second industrial park; and

Whereas, Dave has been an active participant in making Orrville a great place to live, from picking up litter along the road and personally painting portions of City Hall to overseeing the expansion and enhancement of Orrville's outstanding park system and actively promoting the health, fitness and safety, of its citizens; and

Whereas, Dave has provided an outstanding example of citizenship, leadership and selfless service to our community for more than three decades;

Therefore, the Orrville City Council, on behalf of the directors, administrators, employees and citizens of Orrville, does hereby tender to David T. Handwerk both its appreciation for his many labors, efforts and deeds as well as its heartfelt thanks for a job well done, and wishes him all the best in his retirement from public service and all future personal and professional endeavors.