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To Celebrate the Irish Heritage and Contributions of Firefighter Daniel Mentel to the City of Columbus on Irish Proclamation Day, 2020.

**WHEREAS**, Daniel is a native of Columbus, Ohio and grew up on the west side with a large, extended Irish-Catholic family. Firefighter Mentel is the son of Connie and former President Pro Temp of Council Charlie Mentel. He attended grade school at Trinity and graduated from Bishop Ready High School in 1984; and

**WHEREAS**, Daniel began his career in public service with the City of Columbus Division of Traffic Engineering in 1985, where he worked for 4 years until enlisting in the United States Navy. After being honorably discharged, he was accepted at the Columbus Fire Academy and graduated in December 1997; and

**WHEREAS**, Daniel has been assigned to Engine Company # 2, "The Busiest Station In The Nation" for nearly 22 years. Daniel has received cortication's as a Dive and Rescue Team tender, an International Emergency/Fire Dispatcher and received the EMS Award of Merit in October 2017 ; and

**WHEREAS**, Firefighter Mentel is a current and active member with the Ancient Order of Hibernians, The Shamrock Club and Emerald Society and traces his Irish heritage to the Ryan, Culley, Moran, Moore, Mears, Daugherty and McCormick families just to name a few! Daniel says he wouldn't be the Irishman he is today if not for the loving support of his wife, Joanie and is especially proud to share this honor today with his children. It is a special privilege for him today to receive this award alongside his lifelong friend, Deputy Patrick Welling and members of the Welling and McSweeney families. Slainte! and,

**WHEREAS**, We recognize Firefighter Daniel Mentel on Proclamation Day, March 13, 2020, as an honoree who has celebrated and shared his heritage with the citizens of Columbus through his service; now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:** That this Council does hereby recognize and honor, Daniel Mental, for his Irish heritage and his commitment to protecting and serving the citizens of Columbus.