



CENTRE REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION 2022-5

A RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION AND APPRECIATION
FOR STEVE BAIR ON HIS RETIREMENT
AFTER 16 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE
CENTRE REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

WHEREAS, Steve began his fire service career as a volunteer firefighter in suburban Harrisburg in 1975 and on February 5, 2007, ended his industrial career and began his tenure as the Fire Director with the Centre Region Council of Governments; and

WHEREAS, in this role, Steve was responsible for the Centre Region Fire Protection Program, the Centre Region Fire Marshal's Office, Centre Region Emergency Management, and the Centre Region Hazmat Team; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at the Centre Region Council of Governments Steve provided regional fire protection program oversight which provides primary protection to 4 municipalities and the University Park Campus of the Pennsylvania State University; and

WHEREAS, Steve has provided management of career personnel and hundreds of Alpha Fire Company volunteers during his tenure who are tasked daily with protecting approximately 93,000 people in an area of 104 square miles; and

WHEREAS, the Alpha Fire Company responds to approximately 1,200 incidents annually; and

WHEREAS, Steve has served as a chief officer for 33 of his 47 years in the fire service and has served four departments in both New Hampshire and Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Steve holds Bachelor's Degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Fire Administration; and

WHEREAS, Steve is a designated Chief Fire Officer and has completed the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer (EFO) program; and

WHEREAS, Steve has earned the unwavering respect, trust, and dedication of his peers, and has mentored countless career fire professionals and volunteers through his professional and personal relationships; and

WHEREAS, Steve has set the example for others to follow under his tenure as his leadership reflects

highly on the professionalism and pride that exists within the Centre Region Fire Protection Program, the Alpha Fire Company, and the Fire Service; and

WHEREAS, Steve has served as a confident and passionate advocate for the Fire Protection Program, its programs, services, staff, and countless volunteers to keep our area first responders and the residents of the Centre Region safe; and

WHEREAS, under Steve's leadership, the Centre Region Fire Protection Program has responded to the needs of the community by:

- Appointed as a Commission Member - Senate Resolution 6 representing the President of the Pennsylvania Council of Governments.
- Serving as a Board Member and as President of the Board of Directors - Pennsylvania Fire & Emergency Services Institute.
- Serves as a subject matter expert on effective relationships between local governments and volunteer fire companies throughout Pennsylvania.
- A constant advocate for improving Pennsylvania's fire service including the education and training program serving on the Office of State Fire Commissioner Fire Service Advisory Board.

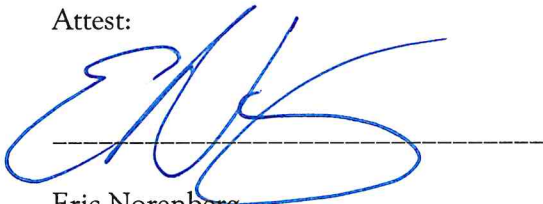
WHEREAS, Steve's communication and teamwork have been valued by elected officials and colleagues in the Centre Region due to his helpfulness, responsiveness, and regular updates to COG committees and the General Forum; and

WHEREAS, as Steve retires from his position as Fire Director of the Centre Region Fire Protection Program, the Centre Region Council of Governments staff and the members of the General Forum wish to express their admiration and appreciation for his leadership, commitment, and years of service to the COG and the residents of the Centre Region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Forum of the Centre Region Council of Governments, honors, thanks, and commends Steve for his 16 years of service in protecting those individuals that visit, work, and live in the Centre Region.

RESOLVED this *twenty-eighth day of November 2022*, meeting in regular session.

Attest:



Eric Norenberg
Executive Director, Centre Region COG

By:



D. Richard Francke
Chair, Centre Region COG