

**RESOLUTION 2024-07**

Resolution 2024-07 is a resolution adopting a statement of support for the erection of signs at each entry to the Village on State Route 170 to recognize former Police Chief William R. Ricketts who was killed on April 2, 1997 in an automobile accident while on duty for the Village.

WHEREAS, former Police Chief William R. Ricketts served the Village of New Middletown for 25 years as a police officer and subsequently as police chief; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief William R. Ricketts was killed in an automobile accident on April 2, 1997 while on duty for the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of New Middletown, Ohio has determined that it is appropriate that the Village recognize the years of service that Police Chief William R. Ricketts provided to the Village and his death in the line of duty for the Village by adopting a statement of support for the erection of signs honoring Chief Ricketts at each entry to the Village on State Route 170.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the Village of New Middletown, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: The Council of the Village of New Middletown strongly supports the erection of signs at each entry to the Village on State Route 170 honoring former Police Chief William R. Ricketts for his service to the Village and his death while on duty. Upon erection of the signs by the State of Ohio, the Village agrees to maintain such signs honoring Chief Ricketts.

SECTION 2: The Fiscal Officer of the Village of New Middletown shall furnish a copy of this resolution to State Representative Lauren McNally and Mr. Larry Ricketts.

SECTION 3: That due to the need to the length of time since former Chief Ricketts death and the need to honor him for his service as soon as possible so that the signs can be erected the warmer weather months, this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency necessary for the public health, welfare, and safety, the three readings of this resolution having been waived by a three-fourths vote of the Village Council, and this resolution shall be effective immediately

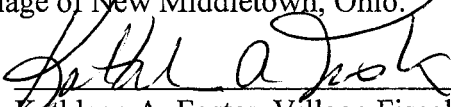
Passed: February 12, 2024

  
MAYOR MICHELLE BUTLER-MYERS

  
KATHLEEN A. FOSTER, VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing resolution was duly published in accord with the mandates of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of New Middletown, Ohio.

  
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Kathleen A. Foster, Village Fiscal Officer