

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-3
INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR CICERO AND ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING COMMENDATION AND SINCERE APPRECIATION TO
THE LYNDHURST COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (C.E.R.T.) FOR
SERVICES RENDERED TO THE CITY AND RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF LYNDHURST**

WHEREAS, The Lyndhurst Community Emergency Response Team (Lyndhurst C.E.R.T.) was established, under the sponsorship of the Lyndhurst Fire Department in October, 2006 with the goal of educating residents about emergency preparedness for themselves, their neighbors and their community; and

WHEREAS, Lyndhurst C.E.R.T members Michael and Therese Dragga became the first Lyndhurst C.E.R.T. members to be formally trained as trainers for the different modules; and

WHEREAS, Lyndhurst C.E.R.T. members were governed by a Board of Directors led first by Executive Director Keith Packard who was succeeded by Lavalley Dorsey and then Chris Rudy along with Board members Bill Allen, Gail Brewster, Ron Broske, Rose Broske, Suzanne Rudy, Melissa Weldon and Patrick Ward; and

WHEREAS, the Lyndhurst C.E.R.T. Training Team comprised of members Mike Dragga, Therese Dragga, Frank Farinacci, Ron Broske, Rose Broske, Chris Rudy and Suzanne Rudy provided residents training in the various C.E.R.T. modules as well as ongoing training exercises several times each year; and

WHEREAS, the Lyndhurst C.E.R.T. Training Team provided training and consultation to C.E.R.T. organizations in neighboring communities and is highly regarded for the expertise, professionalism and willingness to share knowledge with others; and

WHEREAS, the Lyndhurst C.E.R.T. Training Team and especially member Frank Farinacci provided fire extinguisher training to hundreds of Lyndhurst residents and others at Lyndhurst Home Day over several years; and

WHEREAS, Lyndhurst C.E.R.T. provided valuable training to 72 Lyndhurst residents who are now prepared to help themselves and others in the event of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, Lyndhurst C.E.R.T. provided assistance to the City of Lyndhurst in parade traffic control, the SEL-POD drill and H1N1 vaccine distribution, water outage assistance, warming station assistance, storm assistance and assistance at the Sherri Park Apartment fire with dedicated members who were always willing to answer their City's call; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council to honor **Lyndhurst C.E.R.T.**, its Training Team, Executive Board and members by this Resolution which represents the extreme appreciation and respect they deserve. Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNDHURST, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1. This Council, on behalf of itself, the Mayor and administration, the employees and the residents of the City of Lyndhurst, impart their sincere gratitude and appreciation to **Lyndhurst C.E.R.T.** for dedicated and valuable service to the City of Lyndhurst.

SECTION 2. This Council, on behalf of itself, the Mayor and administration, the employees and the residents of the City of Lyndhurst wish the members of Lyndhurst C.E.R.T. continued good fortune and much happiness for many, many years to come.

SECTION 3. The Mayor, Joseph M. Cicero, Jr., be and he is hereby requested to cause a fully executed duplicate of this Resolution to be presented to **Chris Rudy, on behalf of Lyndhurst C.E.R.T.** at an appropriate occasion and the Clerk of Council be and is hereby authorized and directed to file the original hereof in the Journals of Council.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest time allowed by law.

PASSED: _____ January 19, 2015

MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of Council

VICE-MAYOR

DAVID A. FREY

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