

# The City of Richmond Heights

# Resolution

RESOLUTION NO.: 113-2017  
INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Roche and All Members of Council  
*A Resolution of Appreciation and Commendation to Police*  
*Sergeant Michael Gerl Upon His Retirement*

## Whereas

Sergeant Michael ("Mike") Gerl, became a full-time police officer with the City of Richmond Heights in 1996, and now after nearly 22 years of dedicated and exemplary service to the City is retiring;

WHEREAS, during his years of service, Sergeant Gerl made a positive difference in countless lives, both in the City and in the region;

WHEREAS, Sergeant Gerl attended the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy for his Basic Peace Officer Training and worked in the patrol division until July 2002 when was promoted to Sergeant in March of 2005; he went back to the patrol division as a Shift Commander from March 2005 until October of 2005; in October of 2005 he went into the Detective Bureau as its Commander until October of 2011, when he again became a Shift Commander in the patrol division; in December of 2015, Sergeant Gerl was severely injured in the line of duty when he was shot by a mentally disturbed person and due to the injuries suffered at that time, he is unable to return to duty; during his years of service, Sergeant Gerl received many letters from citizens and other law enforcement agencies alike whom he had assisted in a wide variety of situations from helping stranded motorists to prosecuting felons; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Gerl has exhibited such dedication to his public service that Mayor Roche and this Council desire to recognize him for his service to the City and to the community at large;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Council of the City of Richmond Heights that:

Section 1: Mayor David H. Roche and this Council, on behalf of the City of Richmond Heights, its officers, employees, and citizens, express their most sincere appreciation, praise, and commendation to Sergeant Gerl upon his retirement after over 21 years of dedicated and exemplary service to the City's Division of Police, recognize the time and energy devoted to serving the community, and wish him all the best in his retirement.

Section 2: The Clerk of Council is directed to forward an original of this Resolution to Sergeant Mike Gerl.

Section 3: This Resolution shall take effect and be in force as permitted by bylaw.

PASSED: November 14, 2017

David H. Roche, Mayor

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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