

North Canton City Council  
Park and Recreation Committee

Resolution No. 3 - 2018

A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Canton to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") by and between the City of North Canton and the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument, and the Hershel Woody Williams Medal of Honor Foundation, for the purpose of constructing, erecting, and dedicating a Gold Star Families Memorial in the City of North Canton, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

WHEREAS, the City has profound respect for the men and women who have given and dedicated their lives to the service of their country; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to honor the families of servicemen and women who sacrificed their lives while serving in the military.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH CANTON, COUNTY OF STARK, AND STATE OF OHIO:

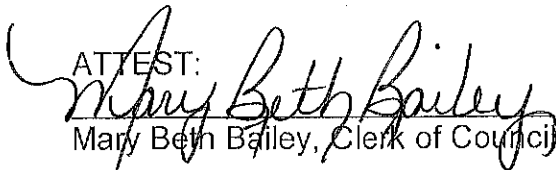
- Section 1. That the Mayor of the City of North Canton, be, and is hereby authorized to enter into a MOU by and between the City of North Canton and the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument, and the Hershel Woody Williams Medal of Honor Foundation.
- Section 2. That if a provision of this resolution is or becomes illegal, invalid, or unenforceable, that shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this resolution.
- Section 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the health, safety and peace of the City of North Canton and further necessary for the timely implementation of the MOU between the parties to ensure the timely construction of the Gold Star Families Memorial in hopes to have it completed and ready for dedication in early July 2018; wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of six or more members of Council elected thereto, this resolution shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon its adoption by Council and approval by the Mayor.

Passed in Council this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

  
David Held, Mayor

Signed: 2/12, 2018

ATTEST:

  
Mary Beth Bailey, Clerk of Council

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memo of Understanding ("MOU") is made and entered into by and between the City of North Canton ("North Canton" or "the City"), Gold Star Families Memorial Monument Committee ("Gold Star Committee"), and Hershel Woody Williams Medal of Honor Foundation ("Williams' Foundation") as of the date indicated below for the purposes of constructing, erecting, and dedicating a Gold Star Families Memorial in the City of North Canton.

WHEREAS, the City of North Canton, has profound respect for the men and women who have given and dedicated their lives to the service of their country; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to honor the families of servicemen and women who sacrificed their lives while serving in the military;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of North Canton, the Gold Star Committee, and the Williams Foundation agree to the following terms for this project:

The City will:

- (1) dedicate, by ordinance, a specific portion of City-owned land as a permanent location for a Gold Star Families Memorial. The land will be of sufficient size to support the monument, its plaza, accessories, design features, approaches, and sidewalks (collectively, the "Monument");
- (2) determine, at its own expense, the viability of the selected site as it relates to soil-bearing pressures, soil condition, composition, grading, man-made and natural hazards, etc;
- (3) provide electric power to the site for construction purposes, if needed, and as a permanent fixture to accent the Monument;
- (4) for a limited time, keep the excavation area reasonably dry through tenting;
- (5) obtain a design engineer or architect's services in-kind for the Monument's site renderings;
- (6) select and install the final landscaping materials and plantings located immediately adjacent to the Monument;
- (7) secure the site and Monument as appropriate during the construction process and until its dedication;

- (8) carry sufficient property and casualty insurance for the Monument; and
- (9) relocate, remove, or replace trees, shrubbery, and man-made structures that might interfere with the Monument's final placement.

The Gold Stark Committee and Williams' Foundation will:

- (1) secure funding from private sources necessary to design, construct, and install the Monument;
- (2) design the Monument's components and features;
- (3) select the Monument's final design panels with an allowance for at least one of the panels to reflect the Hoover Company's efforts to assist our allies in relocating children from war-torn Europe into North Canton, or to reflect the efforts of our residents' and families' contribution to our armed forces ;
- (4) select commemorative seating benches or plaques and secure sponsorships necessary for their purchase, construction, and installation;
- (5) secure necessary commercial contractors, project managers, labor, materials, and components, etc., for the Monument's construction;
- (6) contribute \$7,500 to a Monument memorial fund, established by the City, for the Monument's ongoing care and maintenance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Memorandum of Understanding to be duly executed as of the latest date below.

CITY OF NORTH CANTON, OHIO

By: David J. Held 2/24/18  
David J. Held, Mayor Date

GOLD STAR COMMITTEE AND WILLIAM'S FOUNDATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Timothy P. Novelli Date

Approved as to form and content.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Timothy L. Fox, Dir of Law