

## **RESOLUTION NO. 24-03-012**

SPONSORED BY: Commissioners John E. Giles, Dawn Reagan, Tom Stinnett, Mike Akard, Steve Mikels, Jeff Jopling, Jared Anderson, Brad Bowers, David Wells, Staci Lawhorn Martin, Dyran Bledsoe, Nick Bright, Linda Webb, Jessica Hannah, Scott King, Earl McMahan, Ron French, Robbie Bennett, Rick Carver and Misty Davis.

### **A PROCLAMATION HONORING DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF MIKE CAYLOR**

**WHEREAS**, Deputy Fire Chief Mike Caylor, began his career with the City of Maryville Fire Department as a Firefighter Trainee on February 13, 1989. Mike's love of serving as a firefighter was evident to everyone around him as he trained daily and aspired to go above and beyond what the job requires. In February of 1992 Mike was promoted to Firefighter/Engineer; in 1995 he was promoted to Fire Prevention Inspector Officer; in 2001 he was promoted to Second Lieutenant; on September 27, 2008, he was promoted to Administrative Fire Captain; and to Deputy Fire Chief on August 4, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, Deputy Fire Chief Mike Caylor like all firefighters, trained every day to be able to do the job before him in the best and safest way possible. Not only did Mike participate in training but chose to share his knowledge with other firefighting agencies. In 1995 Mike was presented the Tennessee's 1995 Public Fire Educator of the Year by Governor Ned McWherter. A panel of judges chose Mike after reviewing all the other nominees and their programs. Mike was chosen because of his commitment to his community and his dedication to public fire safety education; and

**WHEREAS**, Deputy Fire Chief Mike Caylor was instrumental to the City of Maryville Fire Department obtaining accreditation for the first time in 2008 serving as the Accreditation Manager. He has worked diligently to maintain the standards required. Agencies must meet strict standards in the areas of: Administration, Planning, Goals and Objectives, Finances, and Training along with many other requirements. Compliance with these standards requires daily tasks, as well as a detailed annual report to the Commission on Fire Accreditation International. Mike worked daily to see that the standards were met while being responsible for many additional areas in the department. Due to his dedication and hard work specifically with the accreditation process and maintaining an ISO of 3, Mike was recognized as Firefighter of the Month in October of 2014 and Firefighter of the Year for 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Mike's dedicated service was not only a benefit to the City of Maryville, but to other local agencies. He has been an instructor for the Blount County Sheriff's Office Training Academy since the inception of the Academy. He has spent countless hours in assisting other agencies in training and education by serving as an evaluator for promotional testing, assisting with the validation of written test banks, and teaching classes to other agencies on various topics including Hazardous Materials and agency accreditation processes. Mike became the first TEMA Hazmat Specialist in Blount County after 9-11 and is a State Certified Fire Inspector; and

**WHEREAS**, Mike has served his community with love, compassion and kindness. It was not out of the ordinary for him to assist a "damsel in distress" with a dead battery or to make special arrangements for a disabled person to spend quality time with their family. Mike made going above and beyond the call of duty a part of his daily routine; and

**WHEREAS**, Deputy Fire Chief Mike Caylor has not limited his public service to firefighting; he was elected to serve on the Blount County Commission in 2010, 2014, 2018, and 2022. He has served on the Allocation of Space Committee, E-911 Board, Education Committee, Planning Commission, Blount Corrections Partnership, Ad Hoc Committee to Study Recycling, Emergency Communications, Ad Hoc Committee to Study Requirements of the Open Records Counsel, Ad Hoc Committee to Study Commission Rules, Agenda/Workshop Committee, Purchasing Commission, Budget Committee, and Emergency Medical Services Board; and

**WHEREAS**, Mike met Mary Kirby on August 10, 1984, and they were married on October 21, 1989. They have been married for 35 years and have a son, Jud Caylor, who will be marrying Ashley Williams in October 2024. Before he and Mary met, Mike was an avid hiker completing over 300 miles of the Appalachian Trail in Tennessee, Georgia and North Carolina. He was introduced to hiking and camping by his Uncle Bill. Most of his summers were spent with his uncle traveling across the country logging as many states as possible. He is planning a trip to Alaska soon and will be able to add Alaska to his travel log. Mike owned his own landscape company, Caylor Landscaping and Design for over five years, and he and Mary owned an antique business in Blount County for five years. Mike still enjoys collecting antique firefighting equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, Deputy Fire Chief Mike Caylor will be retiring on March 22, 2024, from the City of Maryville Fire Department and should be honored for his 35 years of service to the citizens of Blount County; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by Ed Mitchell, Mayor of Blount County, Tennessee, and the Blount County Legislative Body assembled in regular session on this 21st day of March 2024, do hereby give honor, recognition and sincere appreciation to Deputy Fire Chief Mike Caylor for his service to the citizens of Blount County, Tennessee.

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that this proclamation shall be made a part of the official records of the Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee.

**CERTIFICATION OF ACTION**

**ATTEST**

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Commission Chairman

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County Clerk

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County Mayor

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Date

Approved

Vetoed