

City of Willoughby Hills

RESOLUTION NO. 2009 – 6

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE OHIO OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION BY RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MONTH.

WHEREAS, the month of April has been designated as *National Occupational Therapy Month* by the American Occupational Therapy Association; and

WHEREAS, Occupational Therapy is a health profession that helps persons whose lives have been affected by illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, people who can benefit from Occupational Therapy range from the tiniest of newborn infants to senior citizens, and every age in between; and

WHEREAS, more than one fourth of the Occupational Therapy practitioners in the United States work with school systems, where they help children pursue the “occupations” of learning, playing, and growing; and

WHEREAS, a leading reason for referring a child to Occupational Therapy is for help in mastering handwriting, a skill necessary for the “job” of a student, but Occupational Therapy also helps children with conditions such as Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Down’s Syndrome, Mental Retardation, Spina Bifida, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and many other health problems; and

WHEREAS, premature infants with health problems also benefit from Occupational Therapy for while a baby’s “occupations” are to simply eat and grow, but if developmental complications cause feeding problems, a Pediatric Occupational Therapist can often provide treatments that improve the baby’s ability to take in nourishment; and

WHEREAS, Occupational Therapy helps injured workers return to the job, and also can teach healthy employees how to prevent injuries at work; some common work-related conditions that can benefit from Occupational Therapy are hand and wrist problems such as Carpal Tunnel Syndrome and Tendonitis; and

WHEREAS, older persons have a variety of health problems that can be helped by Occupational Therapy, for example Arthritis, Stroke and Parkinson’s Disease can affect the ability to carry out many activities of daily living such as dressing and eating; but Occupational Therapy can teach new ways or provide ingenious equipment to help carry out these tasks with the goal to make the older person as independent and as safe as possible; and

WHEREAS, the historical roots of Occupational Therapy in America date back to the early twentieth century, when it was found that “purposeful occupations” such as crafts helped patients recover more swiftly from injuries and illness, both physical and mental; thus it was through “purposeful occupations” that Occupational Therapy derived its name; and

WHEREAS, today, there are more than 100,000 Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants practicing in the United States, helping people master the “skills for the job of living!”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF OHIO THAT:

SECTION 1. This Council and Administration do hereby support the Ohio Occupational Therapy Association by recognizing the month of April as **National Occupational Therapy Month**.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall be in full force and take effect at the earliest time permitted by law.

PASSED: April 9, 2009

Submitted to the Mayor for his approval
on this 9 day of April, 2009

ATTEST:

Victoria Ann Savage
Victoria Ann Savage, CMC
Clerk of Council

Kevin D. Malecek
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President of Council

Approved by the Mayor
April 9, 2009

Robert M. Weger
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Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-6

I, Victoria Ann Savage, Clerk of Council for the City of Willoughby Hills, Lake County, Ohio do hereby certify that the foregoing **Resolution No. 2009-6** was duly and regularly passed by the Council of the City of Willoughby Hills, Lake County, Ohio at a meeting held on **April 9, 2009**.

That this legislation was posted according to law and duly advertised pursuant to Ordinance No.2003-19 in the Lake County News-Herald on April 15, 2009. Effective date of Legislation: May 9, 2009.

Victoria Ann Savage, CMC
Clerk of Council