RESOLUTION NO. 2016-13

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF OBTAINING A FEDERAL GRANT THROUGH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA).

WHEREAS, annually, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) offers millions of dollars to local fire departments across the country who seek assistance in funding for items including equipment, staffing and training; and

WHEREAS, this funding can help secure the equipment needed to continue providing the best possible services to the residents the City proudly serves; and

WHEREAS, according to the new NFPA 1981 regulations, the City’s current SCBA systems have been deemed sub-standard since 2013 therefore a FEMA grant could help provide the following much needed items: new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) units for each emergency apparatus consisting of (2) air bottles, (1) air pack, (1) face piece and (1) vice amplifier and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NFPA 1851 a vast majority of the City’s fire gear, purchased in 2007, will be deemed obsolete as of November 2017, therefore in addition to the abovementioned items, the City would be requesting grant funding for new structural personal protective equipment (PPE) for all fire department employees; and

WHEREAS, as set forth by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG), fire departments serving fewer than 20,000 residents will be responsible for 5% of the overall budget cost; and

WHEREAS, the total budget cost of equipment is $297,531; and

WHEREAS, the federal grant share would be $283,363 with the City being responsible for $14,168; said appropriation of funds to be included in the 2017 Operating Budget.

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

SECTION 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to submit an application on behalf of the City of Willoughby Hills seeking a grant through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the budget amount of $297,531 of which the federal share is to be $283,363 and the City’s share of the award is to be $14,168.

SECTION 2. The actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this legislation were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were held in compliance with all legal requirements including Chapter 107 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willoughby Hills.

SECTION 3. This Resolution constitutes an emergency measure in that the same provides for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Willoughby Hills insofar as it provides for the usual daily operation of the Municipality and further reason
being the approval of funding is time sensitive due to the grant period ending on November 18, 2016; wherefore this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: October 27, 2016

Submitted to the Mayor for his approval
On this 27th day of October 2016

ATTEST:

Victoria Ann Savage
Clerk of Council

Nancy E. Fellows
President of Council

Approved by the Mayor
October 27, 2016

Robert M. Wege
Mayor