

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-4

**HONORING, ACKNOWLEDGING AND APPLAUDING LONA GRUBER FOR OVER TWO DECADES OF
DEDICATED, PASSIONATE AND UPLIFTING SERVICE AS THE FOUNDER OF THE SCAN HUNGER CENTER
PANTRY, AND THANKING HER FOR HER UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO SERVING
THOSE IN NEED WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND.**

WHEREAS, SCAN, Southwest Community Access Network, began with the help of a grant through Southwest General Hospital, and served the communities of Berea, Brook Park, Columbia Station, Middleburg Heights, Olmsted Falls and Strongsville by providing food, housing assistance and utility help for residents in need; and

WHEREAS, the Co-Chair of SCAN was Lona Gruber, and following the exhaustion of the grant, Mrs. Gruber felt a great need still remained and thus founded the SCAN Hunger Center Pantry in 2001, running the operation out of a small office behind City Hall that had been donated by the City of Berea; and

WHEREAS, the SCAN Hunger Center Pantry originally served 35 clients, but today serves over 150 families with a staff of 30 volunteers, and Mrs. Gruber has, for two decades, remained fiercely devoted to her efforts, adamantly promoting compassion and respect for all clients and meticulously inspecting every food donation; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gruber was named the 2006 Volunteer Administrator of the Year by Forum for Volunteer Administrators, named the Advocate of the Year by Greater Cleveland Food Bank, presented with a President's Volunteer Service Award in 2011, and, in 2010, along with SCAN volunteers, received the Spirit of Community Award from Mayor Cyril Kleem; and

WHEREAS, while born and raised in Norfolk, Virginia, Mrs. Gruber received her master's degree in social work from the University of Connecticut, set down roots in Middleburg Heights, Ohio, proudly raised two sons, founded the Salute to the City, served as President of the Middleburg Heights Community Council, chaired the Home Days festivities and, just last year, received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Middleburg Heights Chamber of Commerce which was, most certainly, richly warranted and deserved.

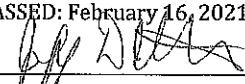
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berea, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Council of the City of Berea, the Mayor and the Members of the Administration, and the residents of the City do hereby honor, acknowledge and applaud Lona Gruber for her many years of dedicated, passionate and uplifting service as the founder of the SCAN Hunger Center Pantry, and do, with grateful hearts, most sincerely thank her for her unwavering commitment to serving those in need within our community and beyond.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the approval of this Resolution were approved 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 actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: February 16, 2021


President of Council

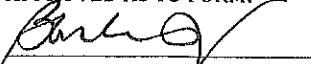
ATTEST:


Clerk of Council

APPROVED: February 25, 2021


Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Law Director