

# RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-52

*Sponsored by: Council President Jeff Dettmer*

## A RESOLUTION

### HONORING AND CELEBRATING BALDWIN WALLACE UNIVERSITY ON BEING NAMED THE 2021 RECIPIENT OF THE BEREAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LEGACY AWARD.

**WHEREAS**, the Berea Chamber of Commerce holds an annual Grindstone Award Banquet for the purpose of honoring, recognizing and celebrating outstanding members, organizations and businesses within our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the newly established Berea Chamber of Commerce Legacy Award recognizes and celebrates long-standing businesses who have had a significant and positive impact on our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the recipient of the 2021 Legacy Award is Baldwin Wallace University; and

**WHEREAS**, Baldwin Wallace was founded in Berea in 1845, and was among the first colleges in the nation to admit students without regard to race or gender; and

**WHEREAS**, Baldwin Wallace University has a history of working to promote a diverse learning environment, cultivating the innovative idea of night classes so that Veterans could hold jobs and support families while completing degrees, and was among the first to offer weekend degree programs for adult students; and

**WHEREAS**, Baldwin Wallace University currently enrolls approximately 4,000 students in undergraduate and graduate programs, and continues to support its enduring values of inclusion, support, engagement and excellence; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Robert Helmer, the ninth President of Baldwin Wallace, is accepting this award on behalf of the University; and

**WHEREAS**, during his tenure, Dr. Helmer has led the formation of a strategic plan for the coming decade, oversaw the establishment of new academic programs and helped to secure the largest single financial gift in the University's history, all while providing leadership and expertise to a number of national, state and local organizations including service as a Trustee for both the Higher Learning Commission and the Council of Independent Colleges, and Board Member of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Ohio, The Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges, The United Way of Greater Cleveland, Southwest General Hospital and Saint Joseph Academy.

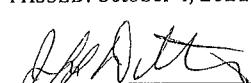
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Berea, State of Ohio:

**SECTION 1.** That the Mayor of the City of Berea, the President and all of the Members of Council, and the Officers of the Administration do hereby honor and celebrate Baldwin Wallace University on being named the 2021 recipient of the Berea Chamber of Commerce Legacy Award.

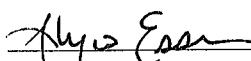
**SECTION 2.** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the approval of this Resolution were approved in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions 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 immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

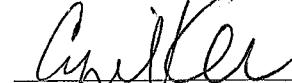
PASSED: October 4, 2021

 President of Council

ATTEST:

 Clerk of Council

APPROVED: October 5, 2021

 Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 Director of Law