

RESOLUTION 2023 – 26

**COMMEMORATING MASON HIGH SCHOOL’S FIRST FOOTBALL COACH
TOM LICHTENBERG**

WHEREAS, The Mason High School Football Program dates back over 60 years. Players and coaches are part of the legacy known as the ‘Long Green Line’, a tradition that began with Coach Tom Lichtenberg, the first football coach for Mason High School; and

WHEREAS, As Mason’s first football coach, Tom Lichtenberg built a winning tradition, taking a group of young boys who knew nothing about football and turned Mason into the name other teams had to beat if they wanted to make it to the championships; and

WHEREAS, While Tom Lichtenberg was coach, the team won 3 championships in their first 5 seasons and never finished below second, paving the way and building the foundation for the future success of Mason athletics, a winning path that can be still be seen today; and

WHEREAS, Coach Lichtenberg demonstrated discipline and is an example on how to be a faithful, humble, and true family man, providing an excellent role model to those he coached and those surrounded who surrounded him throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Tom Lichtenberg left a lasting impression and tradition of excellence not only on the players that he coached, but also on the entirety of the Mason football program and the Mason community, leaving a legacy that should now and forever be memorialized in the City of Mason; and

WHEREAS, Tom Lichtenberg’s contribution to the Mason football program has created a legacy for strengthening community spirit and pride and provided an opportunity for growing skills and athletic abilities for young boys that continues to flourish within the football program today and aligns with Mason’s mission for a culture of wellness; and

WHEREAS, A group of alumni from the early days of the Mason football program has organized a fund to create, for permanent display at Beacon TriHealth Stadium’s Dwire Field, a memorial plaque commemorating the legacy of Mason High School’s first football coach, Tom Lichtenberg, with any leftover funds going towards Mason High School’s “Ken Reed Athletic Scholarship Fund”;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio, six members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. That the Council of the City of Mason hereby designates and proclaims October 20, 2023, as “Tom Lichtenberg Day” in the City of Mason.

Section 2. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 9th day of October, 2023.

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Council