

RESOLUTION NO. 7, 2019

Resolution No. 7, 2019, provides for the naming of the existing and future Beech Grove Police Departments as the “J. Warner Wiley Beech Grove Police Station.”

WHEREAS: J. Warner Wiley was born in Beech Grove, Indiana on June 17, 1937 and is a lifetime citizen of the City;

WHEREAS, Chief Wiley is a 1955 graduate of Beech Grove High School, and has two degrees from the University of Indianapolis in Criminal Justice;

WHEREAS, Chief Wiley is a member of the Beech Grove High School Hall of Fame;

WHEREAS, Chief Wiley is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, known as the “West Point” of law enforcement, and became the City’s first graduate from that academy;

WHEREAS, in 1985, Chief Wiley served as the President of the FBI National Academy;

WHEREAS, Chief Wiley is also a graduate of the Southern Police Institute at the University of Louisville, Kentucky;

WHEREAS, Chief Wiley served the citizens of Beech Grove for forty-seven years as Police Officer, Park Board President, City Council Member, Board of Public Works and Safety Manager, Chief of Police and Mayor;

WHEREAS, Chief Wiley joined the Police Department on September 15, 1957 and retired as Chief of Police on April 15, 1979;

WHEREAS, Chief Wiley oversaw the construction of a new police facility which opened to law enforcement and the public in September 1974 and worked to achieve national accreditation for the Department;

WHEREAS, Chief Wiley was elected to the FBINA Executive Board which currently represents over 35,000 law enforcement personnel world-wide since its conception in 1935 by J. Edgar Hoover;

WHEREAS, Chief Wiley, as President of the FBINA Executive Board coordinated with sixteen European countries to establish the European chapter. In October 1984, Mayor Wiley flew to Munster, Germany to sign the charter officially creating the European chapter. For his work he received a friendship cup from the King of Norway;

WHEREAS, Chief Wiley received twenty-five awards, honors and recognitions, including Indiana's highest award, the Sagamore of the Wabash, from Governor Frank O'Bannon. He also received FBINA's highest award for his dedicated service and commitment to law enforcement from the National Academy's President and Executive Board;

WHEREAS, Chief Wiley was selected to the American Legion's National Police Hall of Fame in 1974 and in 1976 was listed in the first edition of Community Leaders and Noteworthy Americans;

WHEREAS, Chief Wiley was awarded lifetime membership in the FBI National Academy and the International Association of Chiefs of Police;

WHEREAS, Chief Wiley has met and conversed with four U.S. Presidents: Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton and Barak Obama; and

WHEREAS, Chief Wiley continues to be active in his community by aiding Mayor Buckley in building a much needed new police facility soon.

NOW THEREFORE, I Dennis B. Buckley, Mayor of the City of Beech Grove, hereby affix my signature and the seal of the City of Beech Grove, Indiana this 1st Day of July, 2019