

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MONICA WALTERS FOR HER COURAGEOUS ACTIONS DURING A MULTI-FAMILY DWELLING FIRE AT 701 WEST 18TH STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, a fire occurred on the evening of June 16, 2016 at a multi-family dwelling located at 701 West 18th Street in the City of North Little Rock, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Monica Walters, a resident of the dwelling, noticed smoke coming from a neighboring apartment, and

WHEREAS, encountering heavy toxic smoke and disregarding her own safety, Ms. Walters took action to alert residents, and further distinguished herself by leading an elderly resident to a secure and safe area; and

WHEREAS, North Little Rock Fire Chief Jim Murphy and Fire Marshal John Pflasterer have firsthand knowledge of Ms. Walters' actions and have asked that she be recognized for her notable concern of others and bravery in the face of danger (see letters attached hereto as Exhibits "A" and "B").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That the North Little Rock City Council hereby expresses its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Ms. Monica Walters for her meritorious and brave actions in alerting neighbors at 701 West 18th Street of fire danger and leading an elderly resident to safety.

SECTION 2: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED:

APPROVED:

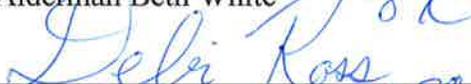
Mayor Joe A. Smith

SPONSORS:

ATTEST:


Alderman Beth White

Diane Whitbey, City Clerk


Alderman Debi Ross


Mayor Joe A. Smith

APPROVED AS TO FORM


C. Jason Carter, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/b

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| By <u>City Atty Carter</u> |
| DATE <u>7-5-14</u> |
| Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Collector North Little Rock, Arkansas |
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June 20, 2016

The Honorable Mayor Joe Smith
City of North Little Rock
300 Main St.

Mr. Mayor,

I am in receipt of a letter of commendation from our Fire Marshal regarding a private citizen's act of valor.

On June 16, 2016 we had a multi-family dwelling fire at 701 West 18th Street. Ms. Monica Walters performed an act of courage, disregarding her own welfare, by immersing herself through thick toxic smoke going door to door alerting her neighbors of the fire, to include assisting an elderly citizen with safe evacuation.

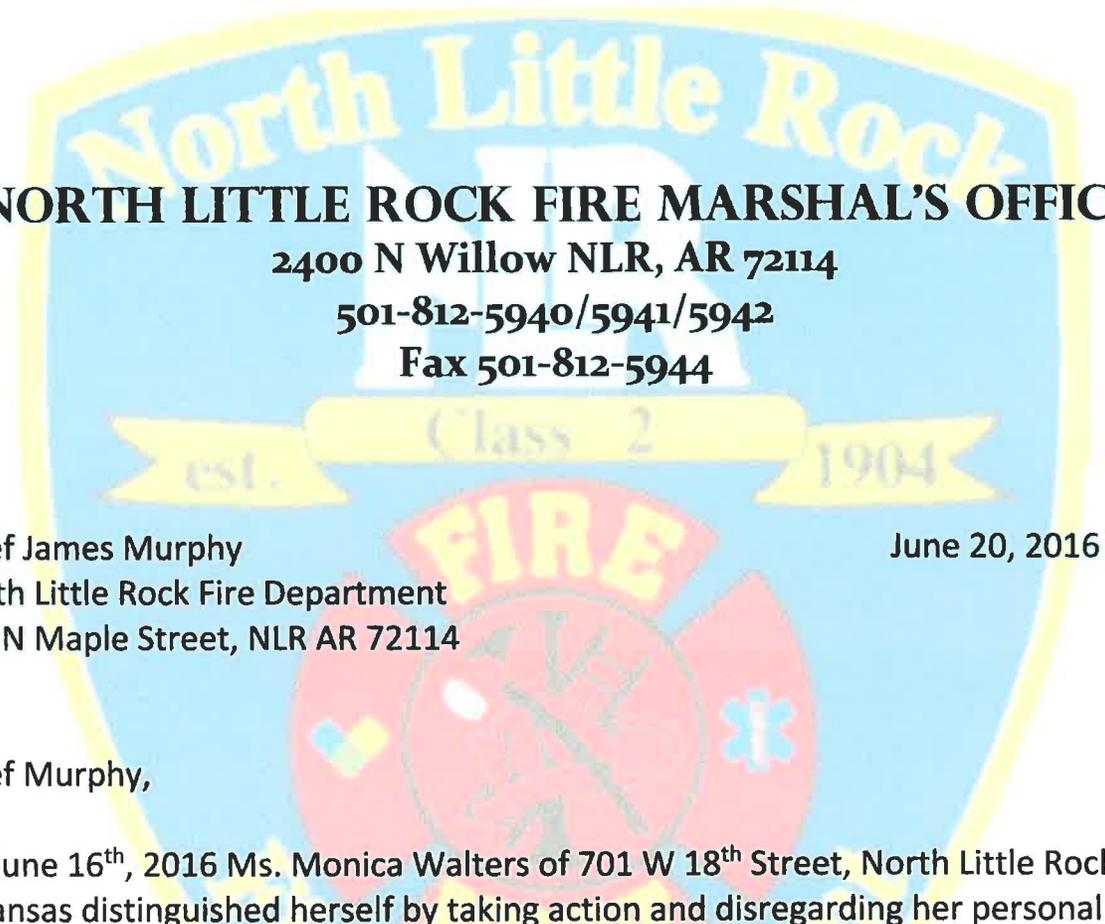
I was on scene and actually observed the dangerous conditions she encountered. Her actions and courage were nothing short of heroic.

I would greatly appreciate her being recognized by the city.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fire Chief Murphy





NORTH LITTLE ROCK FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

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Chief James Murphy
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June 20, 2016

Chief Murphy,

On June 16th, 2016 Ms. Monica Walters of 701 W 18th Street, North Little Rock Arkansas distinguished herself by taking action and disregarding her personal safety to save the lives of others. On the evening of June 16th, she noticed smoke coming from the back of a neighboring apartment building. Despite encountering heavy smoke, she took immediate action and started alerting residents. After ensuring the wellbeing of the occupants, she then helped an elderly resident vacate to a safe area. The NLR Fire Department responded and extinguished the fire, preventing it from spreading to the other three apartments.

Ms. Walters's selfless act helped to protect citizens from harm. Her disregard for her personal safety ensured that others would be able to evacuate the burning building. For these reasons I would like to see Ms. Monica Walters recognized by the city for her actions.

Sincerely,



John Pflasterer
Fire Marshal, NLRFD

