

RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR DEWINE AND THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO INCLUDE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN TIER 1B REGARDING THE DISTRIBUTION OF COVID-19 VACCINE AND TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF VACCINE SENT TO MARION COUNTY TO ACCOMPLISH THIS REQUEST

WHEREAS, Ohio's law enforcement officers and the members of the Marion Police Department provide an essential service to the City of Marion in keeping our community safe, and

WHEREAS, the members of the Marion Police Department are at great risk of contracting the Coronavirus. In fact, it has been reported that 341 law enforcement officers in the United States have died of COVID-19, and

WHEREAS, A COVID-19 antibody study done by Mercy Health in Toledo, Ohio indicates that police officers are at a higher risk of contracting COVID-19 than other first responders, and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers are not included in the first tier of people who are eligible to get the COVID-19 vaccine but continue to be at risk of contracting the virus, and

WHEREAS, Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost and the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police have recently urged Governor DeWine to include law enforcement in Tier 1A, and

WHEREAS, the Marion Public Health only receives approximately 100 doses of the vaccine per week

BE IT RESOLVED, The City Council of the City of Marion formally requests Ohio Governor Mike DeWine to include Ohio's law enforcement personnel in Tier 1B in the Ohio Department of Health's vaccine priority designation and increase the amount of vaccine being provided to Marion County to accomplish this request.

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