REQUESTED BY: BROWN - LARSON-NOVAK-GREATHOUSE FORTE-MACPHERSON-SAFFOLD-WHITE TITLE STEINBECK-RUCKER

> A RESOLUTION FOR THOSE OFFERING FULL AND THE PURPOSE UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT OF RETAINING THE MAHONING VALLEY SCRAPPERS IN MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL AND ANY OTHER MINOR LEAGUE AFFILIATIONS AFFECTED BY THE RECENTLY PROPOSED ELIMINATION OF FORTY-TWO MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAMS ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

RESOLUTION NO. 4656/2020

WHEREAS, the foundation of Minor League Baseball has been at the heart of small towns all across rural America for over the past hundred years built upon relationships with people, fans, families and communities; and

WHEREAS, since its founding in 1999, the Mahoning Valley Scrappers Minor League Baseball team has been an integral part of the Mahoning Valley offering a significant source of community pride and affordable entertainment for working families; and

WHEREAS, the importance of the Mahoning Valley Scrappers goes far beyond entertainment offering various local youth clinics, countless volunteer hours helping those in need not to mention donating over \$500,000.00 in charitable contributions to various local schools and charities; and

WHEREAS, the recent announcement of the proposed elimination of the Mahoning Valley Scrappers and 41 other Minor League Baseball teams across the County is not an outcome that will be accepted by this Council, the Administration of the City of Warren, local elected officials, Governor \*\*XXXXX\*\* along with the citizens of the City of Warren; and citizens of the City of Warren; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent on us all as elected officials to work together and send a clear message of our support in keeping the Mahoning Valley Scrappers and Minor League Baseball to ensure that America's pastime of baseball is well preserved for our families, our communities and for our future generations; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Warren, State of Ohio:

Section 1: That this Council and Administration of the City of Warren gives its full and unconditional support to the Mahoning Valley Scrappers and the 41 other Minor League Baseball teams across the Country affected by the recently proposed elimination of Minor League Baseball and is committed to assisting the "Save Minor League Baseball Task Force" by educating all individuals involved of the importance of preserving the Mahoning Valley Scrappers in our community.

Section 2: That this Resolution shall go into immediate effect.

Passed in Council this 26 THday of February, 2020. TILED WITH THE MAYOR: 2-26-2020

DATE APPROVED: 2-26-2020

ACTING MAYOR, CITY OF WARREN, OHIO