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GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 644-224-3338 FORM NO. 30043

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RESOLUTION 2026-10

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE SEIBERLING HOUSE AS A HISTORIC STRUCTURE WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF DOYLESTOWN, OHIO

WHEREAS, the Seiberling House, located at 260 North Portage Street, Doylestown, Ohio, was constructed in 1860 and is approximately 166 years old, satisfying the age criteria for historic consideration as recognized under the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's standards; and

WHEREAS, the Seiberling House is one of the largest and most prominent historic residences along North Portage Street and retains substantial historic integrity in its design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, with restoration efforts actively returning the structure to its original 1860 configuration; and

WHEREAS, the property is historically significant due to its association with John F. Seiberling, designer of the Excelsior and Empire Reapers, and an early industrial leader in Doylestown whose manufacturing enterprise represented one of the largest employers in the Village during the 19th century; and

WHEREAS, the Empire Reaper Works, located behind the residence and extending along Gates Street, produced the Empire Reaper, which became one of the best-selling agricultural implements in the United States during the 1870's and 1880's, contributing to both local and national industrial development; and

WHEREAS, John F. Seiberling was the father of Frank A. Seiberling, founder of the Goodyear Rubber Company, which later became the largest tire manufacturer in the world, thereby establishing a nationally significant industrial legacy connected to the Seiberling House; and

WHEREAS, the structure possesses architectural characteristics reflective of its period and contains unique design elements, including an exceptionally large multi-pane window of notable historic interest; and

WHEREAS, the continued restoration and proposed use of the Seiberling House as a museum of local history, displaying historic artifacts, agricultural equipment including an 1890 Empire Reaper, historic newspapers, Ferdinand Brader prints, and other historically significant materials, provides substantial educational and informational benefit to the public; and

WHEREAS, preservation of historically significant structures strengthens community identity, supports heritage tourism, and enhances cultural and educational opportunities within the Village of Doylestown.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Doylestown, Wayne County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. The Village Council hereby formally recognizes the Seiberling House, located at 260 North Portage Street, as a historically significant structure within the Village of Doylestown.

SECTION 2. This recognition affirms the historic, architectural, cultural, and educational importance of the structure to the Village and supports ongoing preservation and restoration efforts.

SECTION 3. This Resolution is intended to acknowledge historic significance and support eligibility for preservation grants and funding opportunities; it does not, in itself, impose

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zoning restrictions, regulatory controls, or property use limitations unless established by separate ordinance.


SECTION 4. The Village Administrator and appropriate officials are authorized to reference this Resolution in support of historic preservation initiatives, grant applications, and related designation processes.

SECTION 5. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting in compliance with applicable law.

SECTION 6. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: February 18, 2026

ATTEST:


Terry L. Lindeman, Mayor


Kristen J. Robison, Clerk of Council