



Barrington Area Council  
Of Governments

**RESOLUTION No. 20-04**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE REGION'S FIRST RESPONDERS  
AND FRONTLINE AND ESSENTIAL WORKERS  
DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

**WHEREAS**, the Barrington Area Council of Governments has a long history of regional collaboration, intergovernmental cooperation, planning and preparedness, and commitment to protecting and assisting the regional community and its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2020 the region, country and world faced a public health crisis with the emergence and rapid spread of COVID-19, a highly contagious and potentially life-threatening coronavirus that can cause severe respiratory illness; and

**WHEREAS**, in emergency situations, those individuals charged with response to the needs of the regional communities and their residents are the area's first responders, including police officers, firefighters, hospital and medical workers, and their support personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic required first responders to act with speed, skill, dedication and bravery to help those in need, and the daily lives of first responders have been impacted not only by the demands of their work but also by the risks to their own health and lives as a result of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, law enforcement serving the BACOG region from the Barrington Police Department, Barrington Hills Police Department, South Barrington Police Department, Tower Lakes Police Department, Cook County Sheriff's Office, Lake County Sheriff's Office, Kane County Sheriff's Office, and McHenry County Sheriff's Office, all deserve to be recognized and honored for their unconditional protection and defense of their fellow citizens during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, firefighting professionals serving the BACOG region include the Barrington Countryside Fire Protection District, the Barrington Fire Department, Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District, Carpentersville Fire Protection District, Cary Fire Protection District, East Dundee Fire Protection District, Fox River Grove Fire Protection District, Hoffman Estates Fire Protection District, Lake Zurich Rural Fire Protection District, Lake Zurich Fire Department, Palatine Rural Fire Protection District, Palatine Fire Department, and Wauconda Fire District, all merit recognition and honor for their unqualified willingness to assist and rescue those in danger or need during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, frontline workers and essential workers have been called on to provide for the basic needs of the community, working in stores, pharmacies, food and merchandise production, service industries, transportation, healthcare and therapy services, construction, maintenance, repair and other industries; and

**WHEREAS**, essential local government employees have been called upon to uphold key government functions and conduct essential services in building, communications, development, engineering, finances, public works, and water, wastewater and infrastructure departments; and

**WHEREAS**, these frontline workers, essential workers, and local government employees mostly cannot work from home and therefore have faced a risk of infection to interact with and serve the community, and they therefore deserve acknowledgement and gratitude for their continuous service and readiness to work with the public during the COVID-19 pandemic;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Executive Board of the Barrington Area Council of Governments:

1. Honors our region's first responders and expresses unwavering support and gratitude to the police officers, firefighters, frontline medical workers, and their support personnel who in their civic and professional duty risk their lives and personal health in order to maintain order in the community, protect the public, and treat and assist potentially infected people during the COVID-19 pandemic; and
2. Recognizes the contributions of and offers great appreciation and thanks to the many frontline and essential workers and their support personnel, and all of the local government employees who, despite increased personal risk, work to provide for the public and minimize the disruption COVID-19 has caused during the pandemic.

This resolution is passed the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2020 by the Executive Board of BACOG:

Karen Darch, President, Village of Barrington  
Martin J. McLaughlin, President, Village of Barrington Hills  
Amy Nykaza, Supervisor, Barrington Township  
Greg Rusteberg, Acting President, Village of Deer Park  
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Paula McCombie, President, Village of South Barrington  
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**For the Executive Board:**



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Karen Darch, Chairperson  
Executive Board



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Jennifer Shimp, Secretary  
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