COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2019-02

WHEREAS, on September 7, 2018 Firefighter/EMT's Wesley Liberto and Jonathan Osika responded to a call from the Dover Police Department about two subjects trapped on the 130-foot high water tower located on United Way, where one subject was experiencing chest pains. Upon arrival Firefighter/EMT's Liberto and Osika joined the command officer to assess the situation, a general alarm was struck, and the Kent County Special Operations Team and the Sussex County Technical Rescue Team were activated; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter/EMT's Liberto and Osika donned protective gear and ascended the 130-foot exterior ladder in extreme weather conditions and, within minutes, made contact with the two subjects and started providing first aid. Once a Kent County Paramedic arrived, both Liberto and Osika remained to assist in safely lowering both subjects and, just two hours after the initial call, the first subject was lowered with the second subject close behind; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council recognize that with their rapid response, knowledge of rescue techniques, and calm demeanor, Firefighter/EMT's Liberto and Osika were able to successfully assist in a difficult rescue that could have had an extremely different outcome.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council award Firefighter/EMT's Wesley Liberto and Jonathan Osika City of Dover Gold Medals in recognition of their heroic actions, and direct the City Clerk to make this resolution a part of the permanent records of the City of Dover.

ADOPTED: MARCH 11, 2019

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