

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Resolution Honoring Dr. Maurice Chapin

Quote by Dr. Chapin – “I just do the things that I do because I think that it’s the right thing to do, and it’s what God wants me to do.”

Whereas, Dr. Maurice Chapin, known by all as “DOC”, an Associate Chaplain for the Tuscola County Sheriff’s Office has been a respected volunteer for 25 years and is retiring from his dedicated position with Reach the Forgotten Ministry; and

Whereas, Doc Chapin spent 4 years in the U.S. Army, including a family practice residency at the U.S. Army Hospital in Fort Knox, Kentucky and he then practiced medicine in Millington from 1961 to 1999 when he retired; but he has done little to slow down his life of service to others. Shortly after retirement, Doc completed the volunteer training to work with Forgotten Man Ministries at the Tuscola County jail; and

Whereas, His leadership extended to the Flint District Board of Missions and the Haiti Liberia Task Force, where he played a crucial role in organizing and facilitating shipments of medical supplies to Samuteb Hospital in Kapanga which is located in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Doc has also taken many mission trips to use his medical skills in Honduras, Dominican Republic, Guatemala and twice to Zimbabwe. Doc helped with cleanup from Hurricane Katrina in Mississippi and Louisiana as well. Doc also volunteered at Millington Elementary School as a tutor; and

Whereas, Doc and his first wife, the late Beverly Gould Chapin, a CMU alumnus, raised six children. He established the Beverly A. Gould Chapin Endowed Music Award in memory of Beverly, who was a music teacher, and in 2007 he established the Dr. Maurice H. Chapin Pre-Medicine Endowed Award for a pre-med student at Central Michigan University; and

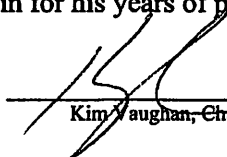
Whereas, When Doc Chapin had his own medical issues, this did not stop him from serving. Because of Doc’s unwavering dedication, his wife Dorothy drove him to the jail on a regular basis so he could continue with religious services to the inmates; and

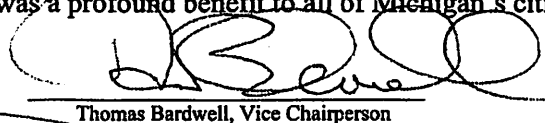
Whereas, Doc Chapin’s compassion to spread the work of Christ to all, is beyond remarkable to say the least. This included his dedication to spending several days each week for long hours each day to provide hope to the inmates of Tuscola County; and

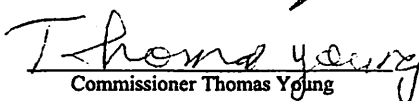
Whereas, Doc Chapin received the 1986 “Physician of the Year Award”, the 1997 “Basin & Towel Servanthood Award” 2024 “Dr. Clement A. Alfred Humanitarian Award” and the “World Family Practitioners Award”; and

Whereas, Doc Chapin is definitely a part of the family at the Tuscola County Sheriff’s Office and his retirement is well deserved. He will truly be missed by all of the staff and inmates alike.

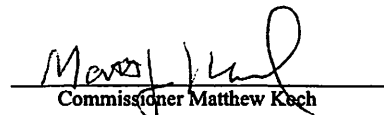
Therefore, Be It Resolved, that on behalf of the residents of Tuscola County, the Board of Commissioners commends Dr. Maurice Chapin, Associate Chaplain for Tuscola County jail, for his 25 years of invaluable volunteer contributions to Tuscola County jail and overall, 63 years of dedicated service to the residents of Tuscola County. We thank Doc Chapin for his years of public service which was a profound benefit to all of Michigan’s citizens.


Kim Vaughan, Chairperson


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Commissioner Matthew Kech

I, Jodi Fetting, Tuscola County Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners at its meeting on November 25, 2024.

Date November 25, 2024


Jodi Fetting, Tuscola County Clerk