COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2014-15

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2013, an eastbound vehicle on West North Street near the intersection of West Street, driven by an 82-year-old female, left the roadway and became immobilized on the railroad tracks; and

WHEREAS, while driving past the area, Mr. Gale E. Voshell noticed the vehicle on the tracks with its lights on. Unsure whether the vehicle was occupied, he became concerned and returned to the scene and observed the railroad crossing gates go down, heard a train whistle, and saw the train approaching from the north; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Voshell rushed to help the elderly operator from the vehicle and ushered her away from the railroad tracks. When they had attained a distance of approximately 20 feet from the vehicle, Mr. Voshell shielded the victim from flying debris and possible explosion as the train struck the rear of the car, propelling the car down the tracks and destroying it. Mr. Voshell's quick thinking and courageous actions saved the victim from injury and averted what could have been a tragic loss, and he deserves special recognition by the governing body of this City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council recognize that Mr. Voshell risked his own life to save the life of another, and in recognition of his heroic actions, the Mayor and Council award Mr. Gale E. Voshell a City of Dover Gold Medal and direct the City Clerk to make this Resolution a part of the permanent records of the City of Dover.

ADOPTED: DECEMBER, 2014

ROBIN R. CHRISTIANSEN
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DAVID L. BONAR
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