

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

## PROCLAMATION

## Proclamation Honoring the Life and Legacy of Private First-Class Christopher R. Dixon and All Obetz Hometown Heroes

## City of Obetz, Ohio | Presented August 30, 2025

The City of Obetz proudly honors Private First-Class Christopher R. Dixon for his courageous service, remarkable character, and enduring impact on our community and our nation.

Christopher R. Dixon was a beloved son, brother, and friend, and a proud graduate of Hamilton Township High School, Class of 2004. He fulfilled a lifelong dream when he joined the United States Marine Corps, serving with Columbus-based Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 25th Marines.

At just 18 years old, PFC Dixon gave his life during Operation Iraqi Freedom on May 11, 2005. His vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device during Operation Matador—a mission that ultimately saved many lives but came at a great cost. Christopher was one of six Marines lost that day.

Despite being the youngest in his company, Chris was known as strong, focused, and dependable. His fellow Marines respected him deeply. Here in Obetz, Chris was known for his kindness, sense of humor, and unwavering commitment to becoming—and being—a Marine.

As we honor Chris, we also extend our deepest gratitude to all of Obetz's Hometown Heroes—those who have answered the call to serve, protect, and defend. Their sacrifice and dedication represent the very best of our community and our country.

The City of Obetz recognizes Private First-Class Christopher R. Dixon as a symbol of honor, courage, and service. His legacy will forever be part of our story, and his memory will never be forgotten.

Signed this 30th day of August, 2025

Angela M. Kirk, Mayor