

RESOLUTION NO. 22-

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are thrilled to honor Mr. Kyle Wright for his stellar performance in the World Series and achievements; and

WHEREAS, Kyle Wright was born in Huntsville, Alabama, to parents Roger and Belinda Wright. Even as a child, he had a deep love for baseball and an intuitive understanding of the sport. He, along with his older brother, Mitchell, and younger brother Trey, played the game every chance they got and followed the Atlanta Braves with a devoted enthusiasm. His parents are quick to say that, although his baseball skills have always been a part of his identity, his kind heart and servant leadership are what define him as a person. Kyle attended Buckhorn High School where he played baseball for his father and coach, Roger, graduating in 2014. He married high school sweetheart and fellow Huntsville native Shelby (Balentine) Wright; and

WHEREAS, Kyle committed to Vanderbilt University to play college baseball and excelled in their program as a starter for the team he had hundreds of strikeouts. From there he went on to be the Atlanta Braves number one draft pick, fifth overall selection of the 2017 Major League Baseball draft; and

WHEREAS, Kyle made his major league debut in September 2018. In 2021, Kyle was added to the major league World Series roster and pitched one inning in Game 2, striking out the side. Then, in Game 4, he entered the game with one out, and the bases loaded in the first inning. Wright proceeded to work out of the jam with only one inherited runner scoring, then pitched four subsequent innings, allowing only one additional run. The Braves went on to win the 2021 World Series, Atlanta's first World Series championship since 1995. During the World Series, Kyle pitched the second most innings for the Braves; and

WHEREAS, Wright began the 2022 season on the Braves Opening Day roster. On September 24th, he won his twentieth game of the season and became the first Braves pitcher in nineteen years to reach that milestone. During the 2022 season, Kyle became Major League Baseball's only twenty-game winner and was Atlanta's first twenty-game winner since 2003. Kyle finished the 2022 regular season with a 21-5 record and won a playoff game, giving him twenty-two wins for the season. He ended the regular season as the major league leader in victories.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama do hereby recognize Kyle Wright for his accomplishments. We celebrate his successes on and off the field and are looking forward to what the future holds for him.

ADOPTED this the ____ day of _____, 2022.

President of the City Council of
the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the ____ day of _____, 2022.

Mayor of the City of
Huntsville, Alabama