

RESOLUTION 23-

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama wish to honor Mrs. Opal Meek for her unceasing dedication to the City and faithful service to her Community; and

WHEREAS, in 1959 Opal and her husband relocated from Hollywood, Alabama to Huntsville, where they proudly purchased their home in Colonial Hills. At the time the neighborhood was a family centric community, one in which homeowners took pride in their property; and

WHEREAS, over time the neighborhood began to change, and community ties weakened while crime rates increased. As others began to recognize this decline, the neighborhood partnered with Huntsville Police Department to form a sound community watch program. Officer Hollingsworth led the citizens in this effort and encouraged them to embrace the power of collaboration. This group of concerned citizens became the East Mastin Lake Civic Association. Opal has been a faithful participant for nearly twenty years; and

WHEREAS, she began to learn more about the resources offered within the City and soon became an advocate for citizens throughout Huntsville. Opal became an agent of change and helped reset the tone of the entire community. She provided information, helped in offering solutions, and welcomed a necessary line of communication between fellow citizens and the city that served them. Further recognizing the need to promote and strengthen the relationship between City Departments, individual citizens, and civic groups, Opal joined the Huntsville Citywide Council of Neighborhood Associations (HCCNA) at its commencement and has only missed one meeting since 2010; and

WHEREAS, among many noteworthy accomplishments, she volunteered with Community Development, assisting in the maintenance and repair of homes throughout the area. She has actively worked to keep our City beautiful and litter free for over thirty years. Opal has partnered with the Green Team countless times, present and working at even the most recent clean-up events. She is truly a legend among the Landscape Department; and

WHEREAS, fully understanding the significance of neighborhood connectivity, Opal has been a powerful and relentless advocate for the installation of a greenway in North Huntsville. She attended every planning meeting and townhall with an unmatched persistence, constantly championing for a greenway that her community could utilize and enjoy; and

WHEREAS, Opal's tenacious persistence led to the prioritization of a trail that has been fittingly named Meek Greenway. For decades she has been a quiet force for her community and a loving neighbor to anyone in need. She is indeed a treasure to the entire City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, wish to recognize Mrs. Opal Meek for her inspiring contributions to the community and her ongoing dedication to making the City of Huntsville a better place to live.

RESOLUTION 23- (Cont.)

ADOPTED this the 25th day of May, 2023.

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

APPROVED this the 25th day of May, 2023.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama