

### **Resolution 23-**

**WHEREAS**, the General Federation of Women’s Club (GFWC) is a 133-year-old international women’s organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service; and

**WHEREAS**, with more than 60,000 members in affiliated clubs in every state, the District of Columbia and more than a dozen countries, GFWC members work in their individual communities to support the arts, preserve natural resources, advance education, promote healthy lifestyles, and encourage civic involvement; and

**WHEREAS**, Huntsville/Madison County is fortunate to have three Federated clubs in our community – GFWC Legacy, GFWC Alabama du Midi Woman’s Club, and GFWC Huntsville Woman’s Club; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than 50 years, these clubs with their collective membership of approximately 300 women have made a significant impact in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2022, these clubs collectively completed 221 community service projects volunteering more than 9,000 hours. They donated \$78,000 back to our community and provided in-kind donations valued at \$46,000; and

**WHEREAS**, these clubs are partnering to highlight the issue of national food instability, taking action to address it, and raising public awareness about its importance with their “Lend a Hand. Give A Can” food drive during the months of August and September 2023 with all collected items being donated on the GFWC National Day of Service on September 30, 2023, to North Alabama Food Bank, Manna House, and Harris Home for Children; and

**WHEREAS**, according to 2021 statistics from Feeding America, Madison County has a food insecure population of 42,710 residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, wish to recognize and support the GFWC food collection efforts. Huntsville City residents are encouraged to participate by dropping canned food items at public collection sites throughout the city during the months of August and September. This National Day of Service will culminate on September 30 with a joint event with Manna House and Huntsville City Football Club at their new stadium.

**ADOPTED** this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

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

**APPROVED** this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama