

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA PROCLAMATION

In recognition of Skylar Hurst, 2025 Youth of the Year for the Boys & Girls Clubs of North Alabama

WHEREAS, Skylar Hurst, a dedicated and high-achieving young leader, is a senior at New Century Technology High School in the Biomedical Science strand and currently serves as the 2025 Youth of the Year for the Boys & Girls Clubs of North Alabama, a prestigious honor awarded to exceptional Club members who demonstrate leadership, academic excellence, service, and healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, Skylar has been a proud member of the Searcy Boys & Girls Club for more than ten years, exemplifying the core values and mission of the organization through her consistent involvement, personal growth, and commitment to her future; and

WHEREAS, she is an intern at HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology, where she serves as a Biotech Assistant and plans to become a Genetic Counselor, using genetics to positively influence scientific understanding and community awareness; and

WHEREAS, Skylar is a student-athlete with the North Alabama Spikers Association, playing club volleyball while maintaining her academic and leadership responsibilities, and has been recognized with several honors including NCTHS Biomedical Student of the Quarter, NCTHS Student of the Week, and TOC September Athlete of the Week; and

WHEREAS, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Youth of the Year program, established in 1947, is the premier recognition effort for Club youth, culminating in state, regional, and national competitions where finalists represent the voice, vision, and promise of nearly four million young people served annually by Clubs across the country; and

WHEREAS, Skylar Hurst plans to attend Clark Atlanta University to pursue a degree in Biology and ultimately a career in Genetics & Genomic Science, with a vision to "educate people about genetics and bring awareness about the differences and similarities we all share"; and

WHEREAS, Skylar's journey, ambition, and leadership serve as a shining example of what is possible when youth are supported by their families, schools, and communities, and she stands as a role model for her peers and the next generation of changemakers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tommy Battle, Mayor of the City of Huntsville, do hereby recognize and commend Skylar Hurst for her outstanding achievements and celebrate her selection as the 2025 Youth of the Year for the Boys & Girls Clubs of North Alabama.

DATED this 8th day of May 2025.

Tommy Battle
Mayor