

## **RESOLUTION 23-328**

**WHEREAS**, the Hays Family first purchased land in the Huntsville community in 1814, by way of a land grant signed by President James Madison; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hays Family has been and continues to be a significant supporter of the education of children, quality of life for the citizens of Huntsville, and the protection of wildlife and wildlife habitat throughout the Huntsville community, and the Hays Family has given liberally to these three causes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hays Family members have, over the years, given of their time and expertise by serving on numerous boards, including the Huntsville-Madison County Airport Authority, the Huntsville-Madison County Mental Health Board, the Huntsville Housing Authority, the YMCA Board, the State Senate, and the Alabama Farm Bureau; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hays Family has, over the years, contributed to the City of Huntsville (the "City") 1,300 acres of land for use by the City, the City School Board, and the residents of the city. The land has been used for schools, an urban park, ballfields, arterial roads, a Police K-9 training facility, wildlife habitats, a water-treatment plant, sewer plants, nature parks, and fire stations, with the value of the land gifted being over \$26 million dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hays family has also recently contributed \$1 million dollars to the City for use in constructing an urban park; and

**WHEREAS**, the City gratefully acknowledges the Hays Family for its generosity and dedication to the city and its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes that the Hays Family is one of the Foundational Families of the city; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City hereby expresses its appreciation and gratitude to the Hays Family for the Family's generational generosity and support of the city and its residents; and

**BE IT FURTHER, RESOLVED**, that the City recognized that the Hays Family has provided significant contributions in time, expertise, land and money, and has also assisted, through private development, with the successful growth and maturation of the city; and

**BE IT FURTHER, RESOLVED**, that the City recognizes that the Hays Family has been instrumental in improving education, enhancing the quality of life in the community, protecting wildlife and wildlife habitats for the benefit of all residents of the city and supporting the City's efforts to create and maintain the atmosphere to keep Huntsville the best place to live in the United States; and

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**BE IT FURTHER, RESOLVED**, that the City recognizes that through the many generous efforts over the years, the Hays Family has proven itself to be one of the Foundational Families of the city; and

**BE IT FURTHER, RESOLVED**, that this resolution be delivered to the Hays Family with the sincerest appreciation and gratitude of the City and its residents.

**ADOPTED** this the 27th day of April, 2023.

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

**APPROVED** this the 27th day of April, 2023.

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville,  
Alabama