

## **RESOLUTION NO. 23 -**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama wish to recognize and congratulate the Mae Jemison Jr. Jaguars football team for their will to overcome adversity and secure a championship title for their 5-7 age division this season; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jr. Jaguars began their journey in the Fall of 2021, composed of three separate age divisions, 5-7, 8-9, and 10-12, alongside a cheerleading squad that provided enthusiastic support every step of the way. Under the leadership of Coach Danny Calvert and the unwavering support of the City of Huntsville, about 80 helmets and shoulder pads were provided to the young team to jumpstart their program in its first year; and

**WHEREAS**, Danny Calvert, a 35-year veteran of the Huntsville Police Department, experienced a rocky start leading the program, with the 5-7 team was unable to grasp any wins during its opening season. However, this only inspired Coach Calvert to challenge his players to turn things around. Through unparalleled dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship, all three age divisions were able to advance themselves to the playoffs the following season and subsequently expand their roster of players; and

**WHEREAS**, the year 2023 yielded a positive continuation of the prior season's success, as not only did each age division make a returning playoff appearance, but the 5-7 team rightfully earned the title of champions, defeating a well-constructed Gadsden City team resulting in a final score of 20-7. The leadership, mentorship, and tireless efforts of Coach Calvert and his staff played an integral role in shaping the skills and discipline of the young athletes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville hereby celebrate and honor the Mae Jemison Jr. Jaguar football team for their exceptional achievements, as well as their embodiment of the values of hard work, determination, and teamwork that serve as an inspiration to many in our community. We wish them good rest and relaxation in their well-deserved off-season and many more future championships to follow.

**ADOPTED** this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2023.

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

**APPROVED** this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2023.

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama