## **RESOLUTION NO. 24-471**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, wish to recognize and honor the Madison County Beekeepers Association for 50 years of service to Huntsville and its surrounding communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Madison County Beekeepers Association (MCBA) have cultivated ambitious standards for backyard and hobbyist beekeepers in North Alabama through education on the art of beekeeping and agricultural laws related to the practice; and

**WHEREAS**, MCBA leadership mentors new beekeepers in on-site apiaries and small group meetings as well as supporting experienced beekeepers on their mission to ensure the livelihood of European honey bees, which are the primary pollinators of trees, gardens, orchards meadows and farm crops throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, MCBA members serve the City of Huntsville and its surrounding communities through swarm collection, support for City events through Green Team and other community organizations, introducing children to scientific topics at school and at Huntsville Botanical Garden camps; and

**WHEREAS**, Huntsville beekeepers are an integral part of the community through quality-of-life improvements, collaboration with local organizations to promote healthy ecology and essential work done by their honey bee colonies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Huntsville City Council is grateful for their professionalism and expertise displayed by the MCBA and its members for their hard work throughout the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, honor the Madison County Beekeepers Association for their 50 years of work to educate and provide for the residents of Huntsville and all of North Alabama.

ADOPTED this the 11th day of July, 2024.

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

APPROVED this the 11th day of July, 2024.

Alabama

Mayor of the City of Huntsville,