CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Bullpen Foundation, a Huntsville 501 (c)3 non-profit, organization, supports the community by focusing on providing support to the overall experience of community based athletic programs and leagues; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the foundation is to create positive, foundational experiences for children in our community and strengthening our neighborhoods by supporting and energizing youth sports while simultaneously removing barriers to enjoy youth sports programs.; and

WHEREAS, through a combination of resources (both financial resources and athletic equipment), training programs, clinics, and volunteers, The Bullpen Foundation seeks to provide an avenue of support to our community's recreational parks; and

WHEREAS, an important aspect of The Bullpen Foundation is to connect the Huntsville business community to the objective of reinvigorating and energizing our legacy/native youth parks and programs; and

WHEREAS, many successful local professionals spanning all ages have cherished memories playing and coaching in youth athletics but have also witnessed a gradual decline associated to participation in neighborhood parks along with some of the financial challenges that many families face season to season; and

WHEREAS, through this experience, valuable lessons are learned through those team sports, thus forming an appreciation for teamwork, work ethic while also providing memories and relationships that last a lifetime.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Tommy Battle, Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, hereby commend the members of The Bullpen Foundation for their commitment to our community and the spirit of athletics; and for making Huntsville a better place to live work and play.

DATED this 13th day of April, 2023.

Tommy Battle Mayor Huntsville, Alabama