

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the city of College Station; and

WHEREAS, our parks and recreation are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities ensuring the health of all citizens, contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community, and ensuring social equity; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs encourages physical activities by providing space for popular sports, hiking trails, swimming pools and many other activities designed to promote active lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation build healthy, active communities, provide inclusive services to those with and without disabilities, and improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs increase a community's economic prosperity through increase property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, in the attraction and retention of businesses; and

WHEREAS, our parks and natural resources recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS, the City of College Station is home to 56 developed parks managed by a nationally-recognized Parks Department offering a variety of recreation and leisure activities for all ages; and

WHEREAS, the College Station Parks Foundation was formed as a private non-profit corporation intended to support the enhancement of parks and recreation in the City of College Station.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dennis Maloney, as Mayor Pro Tem of the City of College Station and on behalf of our community's residents and the College Station City Council, do hereby recognize the creation of the College Station Parks Foundation

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of College Station, Texas, this 13th day of April 2023.