

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-05

**TO RECOGNIZE CULLMAN PARKS, RECREATION & SPORTS TOURISM
FOR RECEIVING THE LEADING EDGE AWARD FROM THE WORLD WATERPARK ASSOCIATION**

WHEREAS, Cullman Parks, Recreation, & Sports Tourism (CPRST) was established in 1979 and has been an innovative leader in providing quality parks and recreation opportunities to the residents of Cullman and the surrounding area for over 30 years, winning numerous state and national awards for its large-scale impact on the community;

WHEREAS, CPRST is dedicated to improving quality of life through exceptional parks and recreational opportunities for all and currently offers 10 parks, a golf course, and 5 recreational facilities offering activities for all ages and interest including athletics, senior programs, community events, aquatics, fitness, arts, and more;

WHEREAS, CPRST is the only department in Alabama, and one of under 200 departments nationwide, to be accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) which is a testament to the department's overall quality of operation, management, and service to the community;

WHEREAS, on October 5, 2022, CPRST's WildWater Water Park received the Leading Edge Award from the World Waterpark Association (WWA) for "creativity in the development of new themes, facilities, programs, services, or operational concepts in the water attractions industry";

WHEREAS, WildWater was one of only 2 parks in the United States to receive this global recognition – the other recipients being Baha Mar Resorts in Nassau, Bahamas; Karisma Resorts in Cancun, Mexico; Ocean Park in Hong Kong, China; VinWonders in Nha Trang, Vietnam, and WildRivers in Irvine, California; and,

WHEREAS, CPRST continues to seek new and "leading edge" ways to not only fulfill but surpass its goal to improve quality of life through exceptional parks, facilities, events, and recreational opportunities for all.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Cullman that we hereby honor and congratulate Cullman Parks, Recreation, & Sports Tourism for the impressive global recognition of WildWater Water Park and officially commend the CPRST management, board members, and staff for their focus on health and wellness through all of its offerings to build a strong, healthier, lifestyle for everyone for their visionary leadership that has made it possible for CPRST to be among the best park and recreation departments in the world.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 24th day of October, 2022.

President of the City Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 24th day of October, 2022.

Mayor