RESOLUTION NO. __________

A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, TO UTILIZE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, HERITAGE AND TOURISM OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS; TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY APPLICATIONS, AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS FOR ITS ADMINISTRATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, (“City”) acknowledges that 2021 Grant Funds are available from the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism’s Outdoor Recreation Grants Program; and,

WHEREAS, the City further acknowledges that funds are available for this grant project on a “dollar for dollar” match basis, and that the City shall provide Two Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars ($224,000.00); and,

WHEREAS, the grant project will renovate the Little Rock Zoo’s Civitan Amphitheater to provide a permanent roof/shade structure; and,

WHEREAS, matching funds in the amount Two Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars ($224,000.00), will be provided from the Arkansas State Parks Grant Zoo Account No. 108659-S65G012, appropriated for Fiscal Year 2022; and,

WHEREAS, the Civitan Amphitheater is an open air venue for wildlife shows and other programs; and,

WHEREAS, if the grant is awarded, the City will be required to maintain the space as recreation space in perpetuity, remain open and available at all reasonable times of the day and year, and ensure future utility lines are underground.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. The Board of Directors of the City of Little Rock states its desire participate in the use of grant funding in accordance with its designated responsibility, including maintenance of this project.

Section 2. The Mayor and City Manager and any other necessary City employees are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all appropriate applications, agreements and contracts necessary to expedite the construction and renovation of the above stated project.
Section 3. The Board of Directors authorize the City Manager to apply for, and the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism to initiate action to implement this project.

Section 4. Funding for the Two Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars ($224,000.00); matching funds are available in the Arkansas State Parks Grant Zoo Account No. 108659-S65G012, appropriated for Fiscal Year 2022.

Section 5. Severability. In the event any title, subtitle, section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, subparagraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or work of this resolution is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the resolution which shall remain in full force and effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional was not originally a part of this resolution.

Section 6. Repealer. All ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same that are inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

ADOPTED: August 17, 2021

ATTEST: 

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Susan Langley, City Clerk  Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney