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 2019 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 One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.00) with an additional match of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($150,000.00) to be donated by the Junior Deputy Baseball Organization; and,

WHEREAS, the grant project will renovate playgrounds and related amenities in two (2) parks, Birchwood and Wakefield and construct a new ball field at Junior Deputy Park with the addition of American Disability Act compliance items; and,

WHEREAS, matching funds in the amount One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.00) will come from the Parks portion of the ¾-Cent Capital Improvement Sales and Compensating Use Tax Funds, Account No. 326459-TS45A11, with the remaining One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($150,000.00) matching funds to be donated by the Junior Deputy Baseball Organization; and,

WHEREAS, the City held four (4) public hearings in May and June 2019, with three (3) of the meetings held to gather input from groups, including seniors and minorities to select participating parks for renovation, the projects are located in Wards 2, 3, and 6; and,

WHEREAS, the facilities can be reserved for special events, e.g., a multi-day music festival, but cannot be reserved, leased or assigned for any exclusive use; and,

WHEREAS, if the grant is awarded, the City will be required (via an easement) to permanently maintain the parks and if any park is ever abandoned or moved to another location, then the City will be responsible for the costs of establishing a similar park; and all present and future overhead utility lines within the project boundary must be routed away or placed underground; the project areas must remain
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 match portion in the amount One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.00) will come from the Parks Capital Account No. 326459-TS45A11, with the remaining One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($150,000.00) matching funds to be donated by the Junior Deputy Baseball Organization.

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 20, 2019

ATTEST: APPROVED:

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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

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