

RESOLUTION

In honor and recognition of the Recreation and Parks Department of the City of Greenville

WHEREAS, Greenville was named Sports Illustrated's Sportstown USA for North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Greenville was recognized because the Recreation and Parks Department of the City of Greenville demonstrated a high level of community involvement and commitment in facilitating and enhancing quality sports programs; and

WHEREAS, Greenville Recreation and Parks, under the leadership of its director, Boyd Lee, has developed the scope of programs from 25 in 1967 to more than 500 today; and

WHEREAS, Greenville Recreation and Parks offers sports programs for youth, adults and seniors who enjoy activities ranging from basketball to baseball, golf or tennis, skateboarding and BMX riding, shuffleboard and senior games as well as scenic and peaceful trails for hikers, joggers, and walkers; and

WHEREAS, Greenville's focus on diversity in its programming and participation has led to success later in life as youth who learned the basics in programs run by Recreation and Parks have gone on to lead Greenville area high schools to state titles in baseball, football, and gymnastics, all of which help unite the city around sports; and

WHEREAS, Greenville and surrounding areas were devastated by Hurricane Floyd in 1999, and the citizens banded together to put the pieces back in place, and

WHEREAS, the people of Greenville not only rebuilt everything, but made the city better than it was before. According to Boyd Lee, *"There was and is a tremendous sense of family, and everyone works together to make things happen."*

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Greenville-Pitt County Chamber of Commerce expresses its sincere gratitude to the Recreation and Parks Department of the City of Greenville for the vision and insights that helped the City of Greenville receive the prestigious status of Sports Illustrated's Sportstown USA for North Carolina. You have made the citizens of Greenville proud.

ADOPTED, this the 29th day of April, 2004.