

## **RESOLUTION NO. 08-2015**

Offered by the Richfield Joint Recreation District Board of Trustees

### **PROCLAMATION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO FRIENDS OF CROWELL-HILAKA ON THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE FORMATION OF THE RICHFIELD JOINT RECREATION DISTRICT**

**Be it resolved by the Trustees of the Richfield Joint Recreation District, State of Ohio:**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Richfield and Richfield Township believed that the formation of a joint recreation district pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §755.14 would be in the best interest of their residents and that such a district would be an effective means of

- (a) providing community programming in recreation, educational, social, cultural and athletic areas, and
- (b) acquiring property for, constructing, operating and maintaining parks, playgrounds, and play fields and to preserve and protect real property with valuable natural features as parks and spaces for governmental, civic, educational or recreational activities for the benefit of all citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Richfield on June 3, 2014 passed Resolution 45-2014 and Richfield Township on June 5, 2014 passed Resolution 07-2014, together creating the Richfield Joint Recreation District, the boundaries of which District are the boundaries of the Village of Richfield and Richfield Township; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the creating legislation, the Village of Richfield and Richfield Township each appointed three (3) members of the Board of Trustees for the Richfield Joint Recreation District, and the six (6) appointed Trustees selected a seventh Trustee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Richfield Joint Recreation District submitted the question of the issuance of recreational facilities improvement bond in the aggregate principal amount of \$7,100,000.00 to the electors of the RJRD at the November 4, 2014 election; and

**WHEREAS**, the Richfield Joint Recreation District submitted the question of an additional 0.50-mill tax levy for operations for park and recreation purposes to the electors of the RJRD at the November 4, 2014 election; and

**WHEREAS**, the electors of the RJRD on November 4, 2014 approved both the bond issue and the tax levy; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 4, 2014 the Richfield Joint Recreation District entered into an agreement to purchase approximately 335 acres of land, specifically the former Girl Scout camp property known as the Crowell-Hilaka property, from the Western Reserve Land conservancy for use as a public park and recreation area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Richfield Joint Recreation District was awarded a Clean Ohio Grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission in the amount of \$1,089,230.00 on or about April 29, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the Richfield Joint Recreation District and the Western Reserve Land Conservancy successfully fulfilled the purchase and sale agreement and transferred the property to Richfield Joint Recreation District on June 30, 2015; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Richfield Joint Recreation District Board of Trustees

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and former Richfield Joint Recreation District Trustees  
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Enthusiastically express their sincere appreciation for the vision, support, commitment, tenacity and perseverance of

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July 13, 2015  
Date Passed

Floyd Ostrowski  
Floyd Ostrowski, Chairperson, Richfield Joint Recreation District

ATTEST:  
Robin Bluss Rogus  
Administrator, Richfield Joint Recreation District

William Taylor  
William Taylor, Secretary, Richfield Joint Recreation District