

RESOLUTION NO. 09-2015

Offered by the Richfield Joint Recreation District Board of Trustees

PROCLAMATION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO SANDY APIDONE, ABBY GREYTER, LUCIA HANIGOSKY, DICK & LYNN JOHNSON, COREY RINGLE, MEG SLIFCAK & DENNY FLANAGAN 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, and perseverance.

July 13, 2015
Date Passed

FLOYD OSTROWSKI
Floyd Ostrowski, Chairperson, Richfield Joint Recreation District

ATTEST:

Abbie Busso Rogus
Administrator, Richfield Joint Recreation District

WILLIAM TAYLOR
William Taylor, Secretary, Richfield Joint Recreation District