



**RESOLUTION NO. 06-2020**

Offered by the Richfield Joint Recreation District Board of Trustees

**PROCLAMATION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION AND THANKS TO  
TRUSTEE PAT NORRIS, RJRD FOUNDING BOARD MEMBER**

**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**, Village of Richfield resident Pat Norris offered to serve on behalf of the Richfield Residents in this historic event for these two communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Richfield appointed Pat Norris as a founding member of the Richfield Joint Recreation District Board of Trustees in 2014 and reappointed him for two consecutive three-year terms beginning 2015 and ending December 31, 2017 and beginning 2018 and ending December 31, 2020; and


**WHEREAS**, Pat Norris directly contributed his wisdom and leadership skills to the Richfield Joint Recreation District in accomplishing

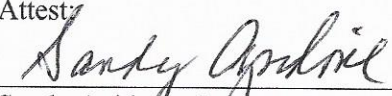
- a) the electors' issuance of recreational facilities improvement bond in the aggregate principal amount of \$7,100,000 and approval of an additional 0.50 mill tax levy for operations for park and recreation purposes on November 4, 2014; and

- b) 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 on December 4, 2014; and
- c) the award of a Clean Ohio Grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission in the amount of \$1,089,230.00 on or about April 29, 2015 through the collaborative effort between the Richfield Joint Recreation District Board and the Western Reserve Land Conservancy; and
- d) the Richfield Joint Recreation District and the Western Reserve Land Conservancy successfully fulfilling the purchase and sale agreement and transference of the property to Richfield Joint Recreation District on June 30, 2015.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Richfield Joint Recreation District Board of Trustees enthusiastically express their sincere appreciation for the vision, support, commitment and dedication of **Pat Norris**.

12-21-2010  
Date Passed

  
Bob Becker, Chairperson

Attest:  
  
Sandy Apidone, Secretary