



Resolution of Appreciation for Matt Smith

WHEREAS, Matt Smith has faithfully served the County of Albemarle over the last 46 years as the Superintendent of Parks, providing mentorship and leadership as a recreation service provider, building and maintaining relationships at the community, regional and state level, that reflect the community's and organizational vision; and

WHEREAS, Matt's leadership and vision with the Parks and Recreation Department in creating and maintaining a County wide Park and Recreation system have led to tremendous growth and success which has resulted in over 5,000 acres of public park land, 12 regional and community parks, 3 swimming beaches, 4 community centers, 21 athletic fields, 5 public river accesses, 2 dog parks, 75 miles of multi-use recreation trails, greenways and open spaces that provides recreational experiences for over 850,000 visitors and guests annually; and

WHEREAS, Matt has coordinated and served as project manager on countless Capital Improvement and Park Enhancement projects, been a leader in many existing and new park designs, with his knowledge, skills and innovation have resulted in project design and development savings; all benefiting our community and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, Matt has diligently worked with community leaders and stakeholders, both non-profit and for-profit, in accessing and providing community recreation needs, not only for the present but for future generations, and has served on many civic organizations that also benefit our community in so many ways; and

WHEREAS, Matt has coached and mentored not only his own staff but also staff from other departments and agencies, looked at the broader picture in assisting others as to how projects, tasks and issues would benefit the County in meeting community needs, encouraged others to do the utmost for excellence, viewed success in relation to the overall organizational success, and has strived to provide the highest level of service for Albemarle County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, hereby honor Matt Smith and commend him for his many years of exceptional service to the County of Albemarle, the Department of Parks and Recreation, Albemarle County residents, the broader community in which we live, and the Commonwealth of Virginia, with the knowledge that Albemarle County is strengthened and distinguished by Matt's leadership, dedication, commitment, professionalism and compassion in meeting community needs.

Signed this 17th day of June 2020.

Ned Gallaway, Chair
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors