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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION celebrating the 35th anniversary
2 of Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation.

3 *Whereas, The Carmel Clay Board of Parks and Recreation*
4 *was established on August 20, 1991, to serve the park and*
5 *recreation needs of the residents of the City of Carmel and Clay*
6 *Township;*

7 *Whereas, In just 35 years, Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation*
8 *has become a recognized leader in the field of parks and*
9 *recreation, as demonstrated through its national accreditation*
10 *through the Commission for Accreditation of Park and*
11 *Recreation Agencies since 2014, accreditation through the*
12 *American Camp Association since 2022, and by twice winning*
13 *the National Gold Medal Award in 2014 and 2020, the*
14 *country's highest honor for a park and recreation system;*

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1 *Whereas, Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation manages 18*
2 *parks, five greenway trail networks, and more than 700 acres*
3 *of parkland, providing open space and recreational*
4 *opportunities for residents and critical wildlife habitats in one*
5 *of the state's fastest-growing communities;*

6 *Whereas, Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation provides*
7 *programs to over 2,100 youth through the Extended School*
8 *Enrichment program, serving Carmel's 11 elementary schools*
9 *in collaboration with Carmel Clay Schools;*

10 *Whereas, Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation provides over*
11 *2,700 recreation programs annually serving 170,000*
12 *participants including aquatics, arts and culture, fitness,*
13 *senior, sports, wellness, nature programming, and summer*
14 *camps;*

15 *Whereas, Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation has one of the*
16 *largest programs in the state dedicated to providing adaptive*
17 *recreational opportunities for youth and adults, regardless of*
18 *ability;*

19 *Whereas, Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation's parks and*
20 *greenways receive an estimated 5.7 million visitors annually,*
21 *surpassing the annual visitation of Grand Canyon National*
22 *Park; and*

23 *Whereas, Over the past 35 years, Carmel Clay Parks &*
24 *Recreation has enhanced the quality of life, making Carmel and*
25 *Clay Township one of the best places in the nation to live, work,*
26 *and play: Therefore,*

27 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
28 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

29 SECTION 1. That the House of Representatives celebrates
30 the 35th anniversary of Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation and its
31 positive impact on the residents of the City of Carmel and Clay
32 Township.

33 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
34 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to
35 Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation Director and CEO Michael



1 Klitzing for distribution.

