

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE IN SUPPORT OF ADOPTING THE RED-COCKADED WOODPECKER AS THE OFFICAL CITY BIRD**

**WHEREAS**, the Red-cockaded Woodpecker was placed on the Endangered Species list in 1970. Nationally only 18,000 – 19,000 are still alive with much of the population in the Sandhills region around Fayetteville; and

**WHEREAS**, the Woodpeckers live in longleaf pine forests at Carvers Creek State Park in Cumberland County. They also are in longleaf pine on the training areas of Fort Bragg, in the Sandhills Game Land of Scotland, Richmond and Moore counties, and in the Weymouth Woods-Sandhills Nature Preserve in Moore County; and

**WHEREAS**, while other Woodpeckers bore out cavities in dead trees where the wood is rotten and soft, the Red-cockaded Woodpecker is the only one which excavates cavities exclusively in living pine trees; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fayetteville is a strong advocate for preserving our natural resources which includes environs the Red-cockaded Woodpecker makes its home; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Fayetteville to further promote and protect the growth of the Red-cockaded Woodpecker to ensure the perpetuity of the species, foster civic pride and contribute to the enjoyment of the residents in the protected areas in which the woodpecker resides; and

**WHEREAS**, the Houston Astros, a Major League Baseball team have established the Fayetteville Woodpeckers as its Minor League Baseball Team in Fayetteville which will begin their first official Spring Season in April, 2019;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** on behalf of the people of Fayetteville, this Council does hereby resolve that the City of Fayetteville, North Carolina, has agreed to name the Red-cockaded Woodpecker the official bird for the City of Fayetteville.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA**, on this, the 25th day of February 2019; such meeting was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE

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MITCH COLVIN, Mayor

ATTEST:

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PAMELA J. MEGILL, City Clerk