## **RESOLUTION NO. 2000 - 6**

## COMMENDING PAUL WALSH ON HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO

Whereas, Paul Walsh has given dedicated service to the City of Mason, Ohio, serving as Parks and Recreation Director from September 1989 to the present time; and

**Whereas**, Paul Walsh has overseen the addition of 63 acres of green space, conserved the natural beauty of Mason and managed, developed and improved 250 acres in six city parks; and

Whereas, Paul Walsh was instrumental in establishing the award-winning Lou Eves Municipal pool; and

**Whereas**, Paul Walsh has enhanced community spirit by presenting the annual Halloween Festival and Haunted Hayrides, and by contributing his knowledge and skills to the smooth operations of 11 Mason Heritage Days, ten Christmas in Mason celebrations, ten Easter Egg Hunts, 42 Sunshine Concerts, ten Family Fishing Derbies, 30 Moonlight Fishing evenings, and eight Earth Walks, impacting over 425,000 participants; and

**Whereas**, Paul Walsh has encouraged youth sports by providing playing fields for MYO and SAY Soccer and by hosting 11 Hershey Track and Field local qualifiers, accompanying local winners to 10 state competitions and four national competitions; and

**Whereas**, Paul Walsh has protected public safety by assisting with snow and ice control and tornado clean-up and by instituting a comprehensive playground safety inspection program, and by assuring clean restrooms in the parks 365 days a year; and

Whereas, Paul Walsh has skillfully represented the City of Mason to the media and is often sought out by state and national organizations to share his expertise at conferences and training schools; and

Whereas, Paul Walsh has worked tirelessly in developing a plan for a community recreation center; and

**Whereas**, by said service, Paul Walsh has promoted the well being of this community, has inspired City employees and has prepared the Parks & Recreation Department for the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio:

Section 1. That Paul Walsh is hereby given the commendation of the Council of the City of Mason for his outstanding and distinguished service to said City.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council be and she is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to Paul Walsh.

Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2000.

Attest:

Teresa Schulte, Clerk of Council