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To extend special recognition to Mr. Alan McKnight on the memorable occasion of his retirement and to celebrate his remarkable service to the City of Columbus

WHEREAS, Mr. Alan McKnight is a 1976 graduate of The Ohio State University, where he was received his Bachelor of Science degree in Landscape Architect; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McKnight began his journey in public service with a summer internship with the City of Columbus in park planning, design, construction and building parks; and

WHEREAS, As a result of Mr. McKnight's hard work and dedication to the City of Columbus, he rose to the position of Planning and Design Manager where he oversaw a staff of nine and an annual capital budget of \$13 million; and

WHEREAS, In 2007 Mr. McKnight was appointed Director of the Recreation and Parks Department where he leads a staff of 519 and handles an annual operating budget of \$45 million and a capital budget of \$36 million; and

WHEREAS, In his tenure as Director of Recreation and Parks, Mr. McKnight oversaw the acquisition of land and the development of numerous parks, recreation centers and trail systems that residents of Columbus enjoy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McKnight oversaw the development of the Scioto Mile and the Scioto Greenways Project along the downtown riverfront; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McKnight has been an exemplary and loyal public servant who has served the City of Columbus with integrity, efficiency and professionalism for 39 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McKnight's fruitful career has earned him the respect and love of many. From his passion to help at-risk youth in the City of Columbus to his desire to provide programming for aging residents, Mr. McKnight shall enter into retirement knowing that he provided outstanding service to the City of Columbus and established a track record of success to be admired by others. Now therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That this Council does hereby honor and recognize Mr. Alan McKnight for his dedicated and exemplary service of the City of Columbus.