

RESOLUTION

NO. _____

WHEREAS, during the week of June 19, 2023, Columbus Georgia hosted the Georgia Police and Fire Games;

WHEREAS, the Georgia Police and Fire Games began in 1984 in Carrolton, Georgia as an opportunity for public safety agencies to compete and network throughout the State on a rotating basis;

WHEREAS, Columbus Fire and EMS Chief Sal Scarpa was instrumental in bringing the Games to Columbus this year, along with representatives from the Columbus Police Department, Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office and the Columbus Sports Council;

WHEREAS, through their efforts, Columbus has won the opportunity to host the Police and Fire Games in 2023 and 2024;

WHEREAS, this month, Columbus hosted over 700 public safety competitors from across the region, representing 30 different agencies; Competitors participated in 40 different events over the course of seven days including softball, whitewater rafting, basketball, golf, cycling, tennis, bowling, volleyball, billiards, weightlifting, toughest firefighter and toughest competitor among others;

WHEREAS, sponsors from across the region and the Columbus community supported the 2023 Police and Fire Games, making them a huge success, with a positive economic impact and showcasing Columbus as a great place to host large scale competitions;

WHEREAS, the efforts of Columbus Fire and EMS, Columbus Police Department, the Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office and the Columbus Sports Council in bringing the Police and Fire Games to Columbus in 2023 and 2024 are worthy of special recognition by this Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:

We hereby express our deep appreciation to Columbus Fire and EMS Chief Sal Scarpa, Interim Columbus Police Chief Stoney Mathis, Sheriff Greg Countryman, the Columbus Sports Council and all of their personnel and volunteers who contributed to the planning and success of the 2023 Police and Fire Games held in Columbus, Georgia. Let a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each of the above-named agencies.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the ___ day of _____, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____
- Councilor Barnes voting _____
- Councilor Begly voting _____
- Councilor Cogle voting _____
- Councilor Crabb voting _____
- Councilor Davis voting _____
- Councilor Garrett voting _____
- Councilor Huff voting _____
- Councilor Thomas voting _____
- Councilor Tucker voting _____

SANDRA T. DAVIS,
CLERK OF COUNCIL

B.H. “SKIP” HENDERSON,
MAYOR