

PROCLAMATION



Effingham Champions Day – GRPA State Champions August 22, 2026

WHEREAS the youth of Effingham County Sports & Recreation Services 8 & Under Softball All- Star team is deserving of recognition. The Effingham County Sports & Recreation Services All-Star team won the GRPA State Championship in Whitfield County, Georgia on July 23rd – 25th, 2026.

GEORGIA RECREATION AND PARKS ASSOCIATION SOFTBALL STATE CHAMPIONS

8 & UNDER SOFTBALL ROSTER

Iyla Jo Allen	Baxlee Graham	Arrie Kessler	Ella Settles
Olivia Archer	Piper Hester	Pearl Parsons	Emery Wiley
Berkley Graham	Hayden Hurst	Emery Phillips	Teagan Zettler

Head Coach – Kevin Archer

Assistant Coaches – Manning Graham, Jason Hurst, and Corey Kessler

WHEREAS, the spirit and enthusiasm for athletic competition will be inspired by the recognition of the achievements in our county; and

WHEREAS, our young people will see and hear of this honor fueling their desire to achieve the same kind of excellence; and

WHEREAS, the rarity with which this kind of achievement occurs merits some acknowledgement of appreciation; and

WHEREAS, local citizens, businesses and organizations shall celebrate Effingham County Sports & Recreation Services for its commitment to young people and these special honorees of Effingham County for their dedication, commitment, and distinction in their arena of sport;

NOW, THEREFORE, in full appreciation for the amazing accomplishment attained by the youth of this county and the honor brought to each member of this county by their perseverance and performance in the 2026 GRPA State Softball Tournament, proclaim that August 22, 2026 be known as, “EFFINGHAM CHAMPIONS DAY” and call upon the citizens of this community to observe this day in a proper manner honoring these young athletes.

On this 18th day, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-six.

Damon Rahn – Chairman
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Commissioner

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