

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, sports provide enormous contributions to the health, welfare, and general quality-of-life of Huntsville's citizens and its visitors, with soccer participation at an exceptionally high level; and

WHEREAS, Huntsville takes great pride in pursuing and delivering excellence across all fields and acknowledging Major League Soccer (MLS) at the pinnacle of soccer excellence in America; and

WHEREAS, MLS NEXT Pro is a new professional men's soccer league offering opportunities to players, coaches, referees, and sports business professionals to reach the highest levels of sport in America and internationally; and

WHEREAS, in November of 2022, the City of Huntsville and the Nashville Soccer Club announced a partnership creating the Huntsville City Football Club, starting its MLS NEXT Pro competition in the 2023 season; and

WHEREAS, HCFC has already positively impacted the community and is ingraining itself into the fabric of the Huntsville community; and

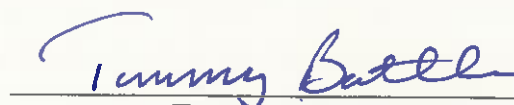
WHEREAS, Joe Davis Stadium has been an iconic piece of Huntsville's athletic infrastructure and the partnership with Nashville and HCFC served as a catalyst for major renovations of the stadium, preserving for future generations, and becoming the home of HCFC; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, May 19, 2023, Huntsville City Football Club will host Crown Legacy Football Club on Wicks Family Field at Joe Davis Stadium. Joined by the Club's Principal Owner John Ingram and MLS NEXT Pro President Charles Altchek;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Tommy Battle, Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, do hereby declare, Friday, May 19, 2023 to be

Professional Soccer Day in Huntsville

DATED this 19th day of May 2023.



Tommy Battle
Mayor