

RESOLUTION No. 16-436

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama are apprised that the Scruggs, Hawk, Readus, and Russell Family Reunion will be held July 1-5, 2016, in Washington, D.C.; and,

WHEREAS, African-American multi-generational gatherings are not a new fad. "They date way back, probably to Africa, to the concept of village gatherings, according to Ione Vartgus, professor emerita at Temple University and director of the Family Reunion Institute". There is a natural tendency among people in the African-American community to come together, swap stories, devote time to bonding"; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Angela Williams-Stewart, granddaughter and Mr. Timothy Stewart; Janice Ford, granddaughter; and Mrs. Effie Williams, daughter, and descendants of Mrs. Texas Pearl Scruggs-Ford, (deceased), will be hosting the 2016 Scruggs, Hawk, Readus and Russell Family Reunion festivities; and,

WHEREAS, the theme for the 2016 Scruggs, Hawk, Readus, and Russell Family Reunion is "Cherishing the Family Legacy." Some of the activities include: Welcome Reception, Dinner Banquet, Angela Williams-Stewart, coordinator; Worship Service, Vanessa Lynn Ford, coordinator; Tours/Site-Seeing, and culminating with a 4th of July picnic and enjoying the gigantic firework displays and activities in beautiful downtown Washington, DC; the home of the first African American 44th U.S. President Barack Hussein Obama, II and First Lady Michelle Obama; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Beatrice Readus married Mr. Hermon Scruggs, who are the parents of Mr. Jell Scruggs of New Market, Alabama. Ms. Ellen Scales Readus married Mr. Edgar Scruggs, who are the grandparents of Mr. Jell Scruggs. Some of the descendants are Mrs. Delia Scruggs Mack, Mr. Jell Scruggs, Jr., Mr. Jason Scruggs, and Mr. James Scruggs. Mr. Joe Hawk married Mrs. Lucy Scruggs, who was the aunt of Mr. Jell Scruggs; Mr. Readus Russell who was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Newman (Milla) Russell married Ms. Tonchee Hawk; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Tina Hawk married Mr. Mack Scruggs, who are the parents of Mrs. Texas Pearl Scruggs (Ford) who married Mr. Cleveland Ford. Their descendants are Mr. Mack Ford, New Market, Alabama; Mrs. Mildred Bone, Huntsville, Alabama; Mrs. Emma Pearl Toney, Huntsville, Alabama; Mr. Othal Ford, Fayetteville, Tennessee; Mr. Willie C. Ford (deceased), New Market, Alabama, Mrs. Effie Williams, Bowie, Maryland; and a host of nieces, nephews, and grandchildren; and,

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WHEREAS, the ancestry of the Scruggs, Hawk, Readus and Russell Family Reunion, also includes the Ford, Martin and Pruitt families; and,

WHEREAS, family members and friends attending include: Madison Ford, (Woodbridge, Virginia), Geon Rogers, (Hammond, Indiana), Nilan Hereford, (Huntsville, Alabama), Patrick II, Hereford, (Huntsville, Alabama), Chala Ford, (Issaquah, WA), Jackie Hawk-Rogers, (Hammond, Indiana), Maya Ford, (Issaquah, WA), Mone' Ford, (Issaquah, WA), Nayla Hereford, (Huntsville, Alabama), Helen Ford, (New Market, Alabama), Angela Williams-Stewart, (Bowie, Maryland), Ruby Ford, (New Market, Alabama), (Emma Toney, (Huntsville, Alabama), James Langford, Sr., (Huntsville, Alabama), Michael Ford, (Issaquah, WA), Minnie R. Russell, (Detroit, Michigan), Natasha Hereford, (Huntsville, Alabama), Terrance Ford, (Issaquah, WA), Charles Bone, (Huntsville, Alabama) Mildred Bone, (Huntsville, Alabama), Gleanese Martin Strong, (Huntsville, Alabama), Timothy Stewart, (Bowie, Maryland), Mack Ford, (New Market, Alabama), Marcia Hawk, (Harvey, Illinois), Alvin Kirby, (Huntsville, Alabama), Crystal Hawk, (Chesapeake, Virginia), Vanessa Lynn Ford, (Woodbridge, Virginia), Martha Martin- Leslie, (Huntsville, Alabama), Megan Humphrey, (Huntsville, Alabama), Pearlie Stamper, (Huntsville, Alabama), Jacqueline Wilson, (Huntsville, Alabama), Gina Mayo-Hawk, (Cheektowaga, NY), Gregory L. Hawk, (Cheektowaga, NY), Grace Hawk-Williams, (Cheektowaga, NY), Stephen Simon, (Huntsville, Alabama), Effie Williams, (Bowie, Maryland), Janice Ford, (Washington, DC), Larry Rogers, (Hammond, Indiana), Patrick Hereford, (Huntsville, Alabama), Maggie Toney, (Huntsville, Alabama), Mary Scruggs, (Huntsville, Alabama), Renee' Bolding, (Chicago, Illinois), Marvin Ford, (Woodbridge, Virginia), Carl Parker, Jr., (Huntsville, Alabama), and Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Lee Bolding, (Chicago, Illinois), and other relatives, and,

WHEREAS, the Scruggs, Hawk, Readus, and Russell family selected Washington, D.C. as the site for their 2016 reunion. We want you to know you represent one of our most cherished treasures and traditional family values; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville wish to congratulate the Scruggs, Hawk, Readus, and Russell Family on their 2016 Family Reunion held in Washington, DC, and wish them much success in all future endeavors and safe travels home.

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ADOPTED this the 23rd day of June, 2016.

President of the City Council of the
City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 23rd day of June, 2016.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama