

## RESOLUTION R-19-13

### A RESOLUTION HONORING THE 2019 FAYETTEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL TIGERS FOOTBALL TEAM AND COACHES

Whereas, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen deems it appropriate to pass this resolution honoring the 2019 Fayetteville High School Tigers Football Team and Coaches for performing with uncommon commitment and achieving exceptional success; and

Whereas, under the leadership of first-year coach Kenny Morson and his coaching staff, the fifty members of the Fayetteville High School football team began work during the Summer of 2019 on a mission to build a successful football program for the 2019 season; and

Whereas, in preseason polls the Fayetteville High School football team was projected to finish the season in last place in its district; and

Whereas, the Tiger football team began its season with an impressive 33-6 win over Class AA Marion County on August 23, 2019, on a soggy night on Tiger Hill; and

Whereas, the Tiger football team next traveled to Columbia on August 30, 2019, where it notched its second win of the season over Zion Christian Academy by a score of 43-12; and

Whereas, the Tiger football team return to Tiger Hill the following week, defeating district rival Huntland on September 6, 2019, by a score of 20-14; and

Whereas, the Tiger football team returned to the road, earning a win on September 13, 2019, over district rival Mt. Pleasant by a score of 26-7; and

Whereas, the Tiger football team next traveled to Moore County on September 20, 2019, where it defeated another district rival by a score of 27-14; and

Whereas, the Tigers football team returned to Tiger Hill on September 27, 2019, earning a 31-13 victory over another district team, Richland; and

Whereas, the Tiger football team completed district play on Tiger Hill on October 4, 2019, vanquishing district rival Cornersville, runner up to the 2018 state championship, by a score of 28-14 to complete a perfect season in district play; and

Whereas, the jubilation the Tiger football team was experiencing after its great win was cut short by the tragic news the following day of the loss of a friend and an integral member of the team, Tate Tuten; and

Whereas, the Tiger football team and coaches coalesced on an off the field to honor their fallen teammate and friend; and

Whereas, the Tigers football team returned to action on October 18, 2019, with a 30-17 road win over Gordonsville; and

Whereas, the Tiger football team celebrated Senior Night on Tiger Hill on October 24, 2019, with a 41-14 rout of defending state champion Whitwell; and

Whereas, the Tiger football team completed its season on November 1, 2019, with a 43-13 win over Sale Creek played at UTC's Finley Stadium in Chattanooga; and

Whereas, the 2019 Fayetteville High School football team completed its undefeated season having scored 322 total points while holding its opponents to 124 total point; and

Whereas, as Tiger wins mounted during the season, the Fayetteville Tiger football team ascended the state Division 1A polls, reaching a fourth-place ranking in the AP Division 1A state poll and topping other polls; and

Whereas, Tiger football team player Jacious Clark was named the Region Five Most Valuable Player, and Kevonte Thomison was chosen to play in the Tennessee East-West All Star Classic; and

Whereas, throughout the season, the Tiger football team was buoyed by support from its cheerleaders, members of the Fayetteville High School band and all those who came to the games to support the Tigers or listened to the radio broadcasts of the games; and

Whereas, throughout the season, even in the face of unimaginable tragedy and adversity, the members of the Fayetteville High School Tiger football team and their coaches persevered with character, dignity and honor that reflected well on the program, the school and the City of Fayetteville as a whole; and

Whereas, the 2019 Fayetteville High School football team exemplifies the spirit, character, dedication and commitment to excellence for which we should all strive.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Fayetteville honors the 2019 Fayetteville High School Tiger Football Team, its coaches and all others who contributed to their attaining a perfect 10-0 season and thank them for their contributions to their school and to the City of Fayetteville; and

Be it further resolved that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen extends to each of the members of the 2019 Fayetteville High School football team its sincerest wishes for their continued success academically and athletically; and

Be it further resolved by this Board of Mayor and Aldermen that this resolution of respect and esteem be spread upon the minutes of the Board and that a copy be forwarded to Fayetteville High School Principal Adam McCormick.

This 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael T. Whisenant", is written over a horizontal line.

MICHAEL T. WHISENANT

Mayor