

**RESOLUTION 2024 – 5**

**CONGRATULATING CITY OF MASON MANTA RAYS CHAMPIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mason fosters a culture of wellness focusing on accessibility and inclusivity for City facilities, programs & services and encourages the community to come together and recognize Mason as a community that embraces respect, compassion and opportunity for all; and

**WHEREAS**, in the spirit of enhancing inclusive opportunities, in 2022 the City of Mason established the Mason Manta Rays Champion swim program designed to promote growth and skill development in and out of the water for individuals with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Warren County Board of Developmental Disabilities in conjunction with Warren County Special Olympics partners with the City of Mason and provides ongoing volunteer support to the program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Champions program aligns with Mason’s mission for teaching all residents how to be safe in the water with athletes demonstrating they are water safe by swimming 25 yards of freestyle in 1 minute and 30 seconds without interruption; and

**WHEREAS**, 14 Mason Manta Ray Champions participated in exhibition meets at the Mason Manta Rays home swim meets hosted at the Mason Municipal Aquatic Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the Champions hosted the first dual meet this year against Butler County with 50 athletes in attendance and each athlete participated as well as competed in the Regional Swim Meet at Powell Crosley YMCA; and

**WHEREAS**, on Sunday, February 25 nine Manta Ray Champions traveled to Bowling Green Ohio for the “2024 Winter Games” Special Olympics Ohio State Championship swim meet representing Mason and Warren County Special Olympics resulting in 5 first place finishers, and 4 second and third place finishers; and

**WHEREAS**, the entire Mason community is proud of the accomplishments of the Manta Rays Champions athletes and their commitment to the sport of swimming and contribute to Mason’s reputation as the City of Champions.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio, six members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. That the Council of the City of Mason hereby congratulates the Mason Manta Rays Champions on the success of their 2023 – 2024 season.

Section 2. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 11th day of March, 2024.

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Mayor

Attest:

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Clerk of Council