



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Michael Higgins, on December 12, 2023, a Coppell resident, not only participated in the 2023 Antarctic Ice Marathon, but won the race in Union Glacier, Antarctica; and,

WHEREAS, he is an esteemed member of the Coppell Running Club; and,

WHEREAS, his training allowed him to finish 26.2 miles of arduous running through snow and ice in below freezing weather; and,

WHEREAS, this race presents a truly formidable and genuine Antarctic challenge with underfoot conditions comprising snow and ice throughout, an average windchill temperature of -20C, and the possibility of strong Katabatic winds to contend with; and

WHEREAS, he completed the race in 4 hours and 1 minute at an altitude of 700 meters, making him the first place winner in a field of competitors from around the world; and,

WHEREAS, the Antarctic Ice Marathon is located 600 miles from the South Pole with winds blowing at a steady 10-25 knots; and,

WHEREAS, setting an example for his three young sons, Michael has exhibited the discipline, perseverance and grit needed to be an award-winning athlete; and,

WHEREAS, in recognition of his extraordinary accomplishment, the citizens of Coppell wish to extend their heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Michael Higgins for a feat that very few have accomplished – winning the Antarctic Ice Marathon.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wes Mays, Mayor of the City of Coppell, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, January 9, 2024, as:

“Michael Higgins Appreciation Day”

in the City of Coppell and urge all citizens and employees to join me and the City Council in honoring Michael Higgins for his accomplishment of winning the Antarctic Ice Marathon.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Coppell to be affixed this 9th day of January 2024.

Wes Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ashley Owens, City Secretary