



## ***PROCLAMATION***

**WHEREAS**, Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the United States. There are 36.5 million pickleball players in the U.S., according to a new report released in January 2023 by the Association of Pickleball Professionals; and

**WHEREAS**, Pickleball programs have become an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the City of Coppell; and

**WHEREAS**, Pickleball programs aid in building healthy, active communities by providing an intergenerational, low impact, competitive sport that is easy to learn, inexpensive to play and improves and promotes physical, mental and emotional health, along with camaraderie, teamwork, kindness and enjoyment for individuals and the community as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, Because staff, pickleball volunteers and enthusiasts have shared their joy of pickleball, the program at Wagon Wheel Tennis and Pickleball Center has grown from 45 to over 832 registered players in the last 2 ½ years; and

**WHEREAS**, The Open Play Pickleball program has been so popular that the original four-pickleball court pilot program has now expanded to an eight to nine court regular play, and league play has upwards of 60 teams with over 350 participants; and

**WHEREAS**, U.S.A. Pickleball Association has designated April as National Pickleball Month; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Coppell recognizes the benefits derived from the sport of pickleball,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Wes Mays, Mayor of the City of Coppell, do hereby proclaim the month of April and each subsequent month of April thereafter as

### **“NATIONAL PICKLEBALL MONTH”**

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the city of Coppell to be affixed this 25th day of April 2023.

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Wes Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Ashley Owens, City Secretary