

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF HORRY CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH

## NATIONAL TENNIS MONTH MAY 2023

WHEREAS, The United States Tennis Association was founded in 1881 in New York to create rules and standards for the emerging game of "lawn tennis," and today it is the national governing body for the sport at every level of play, from amateurs to the U.S. Open; and

WHEREAS, The USTA is the largest tennis organization in the world, with more than 550,000 members, and partners with local tennis programs to showcase the sport and make it available to everyone, regardless of age, environment, condition or ability; and

WHEREAS, The latest research shows that more than 23 million Americans played tennis in 2022, a 33 percent increase over 2019; and

WHEREAS, The City of Myrtle Beach partners with the Horry County Schools to provide the Rivers Lynch Tennis Center at Myrtle Beach High School, which is available for both public play and school events, as well as tennis courts at Midway Park; and

WHEREAS, The month of May is National Tennis Month, to encourage players and groups to promote local programs and activities of all skill levels at parks and centers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the City of Myrtle Beach hereby recognizes May 2023 as National Tennis Month, in concert with the USTA, and urges our citizens to enjoy the game on our courts or other facilities in support of this designation.

Signed and sealed this 23rd day of May 2023.

BRENDA BETHUNE MAYOR

JENNIFER ADKINS, CITY CLERK