

**CITY OF XENIA, OHIO
RESOLUTION NUMBER 17 – GG**

**APPRECIATION FOR OUTGOING COUNCILWOMAN JEANNE MILLS IN
RECOGNITION OF HER VALUABLE SERVICE TO THE CITY OF XENIA, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the registered voters of the City of Xenia elected Ms. Jeanne Mills into office in the November 2005 General Election;

WHEREAS, Jeanne was re-elected in the November 2009 and 2013 General Elections, and she will have served three consecutive four-year terms from January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2017;

WHEREAS, during her tenure since January 1, 2006, she has diligently worked for the betterment of the City of Xenia by serving the community and City Council through her active involvement in the following City commissions, boards, and committees:

Chair of the *Board for Recreation, Arts, and Cultural Activities*

(2006 thru 2011, inclusive, and 2013 thru 2017, inclusive)

Served on the *Chamber Board of Directors* (2011)

Member of the *Charter Review Committee* (2006)

Member of the *Stormwater Advisory Committee* (2009, 2010, 2012 thru 2017, inclusive)

Member of the *Greene County Career Center Health Science Academy Advisory Committee*
(2013 thru 2017, inclusive)

Alternate City Representative to the *Greene County Regional Planning Commission*
(2006, 2007, 2008)

Member of the *Economic & Business Development Committee* (2009, 2010, 2011)

WHEREAS, due to her passion for the greater good of the City of Xenia, Jeanne earned the respect of her colleagues and was elected to serve as City Council President in 2011 and City Council Vice President in 2012;

WHEREAS, through her service as Chair of the City's Board for Recreation, Arts, and Cultural Activities for all but one year of her tenure on City Council, she oversaw the planning, coordination, and execution of various City recreation and entertainment events, either in whole or in part especially after the City's Recreation Department was eliminated in 2009, including the Beautification Awards program during the months of June through October, the Street Pole Banner Sponsorship Program from 2009 to 2014, annual Easter Egg Hunts, the Tree Committee's Arbor Day Events, Annual Fishing Derbies, Music in the Park, Movies in the Park, Bloom with Xenia ... Adopt-A-Spot, Halloween events at Xenia Station, Xenia Youth Recreation Basketball, and coordinating the welcoming of Santa and other activities for the yearly Hometown Christmas event;

WHEREAS, Jeanne faithfully attends Faith Community United Methodist Church at 100 Country Club Drive, Pastor Barb Schneckner presiding, where she served as the Christian Education Director for four years and she continues to assist wherever needed;

WHEREAS, Jeanne is employed by Xenia Community Schools as a Paraprofessional Special Needs Assistant at Xenia High School where she also has served as a Clinic Aid;

WHEREAS, Jeanne supports, serves, and loves working with children and when she recognized that many Xenia Community School students were going hungry, she championed and co-chaired a campaign to create the X-Out Hunger Backpack program, which began in 2013 and continues to provide food to elementary school children on the weekends;

WHEREAS, while change is always certain with the political landscape, so is the fact that former leaders set the proverbial table for others to follow, and Councilwoman Mills has certainly set that bar high;

WHEREAS, Jeanne is the daughter of the late Clarence T. Wilson Jr. and Theola Donnaker Wilson, who is 87 years young; and

WHEREAS, Jeanne is married to City of Xenia Firefighter/Paramedic David Mills and the mother of Kyle and Alex Mills and Amanda Nischwitz and the grandmother of Devin and Adelyne Salyers.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF XENIA HEREBY RESOLVES:

Section 1. This Resolution shall be declared an emergency so that it will be adopted and in effect before December 31, 2017.

Section 2. That the Xenia City Council, on behalf of the citizens of Xenia, Ohio, expresses its appreciation of the dedication and devotion she has shown to our community and our citizens. We wish her well in her future endeavors and sincerely thank her for her twelve (12) years of dedicated service and contributions to the City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be placed in the permanent record of the City of Xenia acknowledging her dedicated service to the City of Xenia from January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2017.

Passed: December 28, 2017

Attest:



Michelle D. Johnson
City Clerk

Xenia City Council



Michael D. Engle, President
Wesley Smith, Vice President
Marsha Bayless, Mayor
Dale Louderback, Councilmember
Sarah Mays, Councilmember
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