THE CITY OF BRYANT, ARKANSAS

CITATION AND PROCLAMATION TO THE CITIZENS OF BRYANT, ARKANSAS

WHEREAS, the 2022 Bryant High School Hornets football team claimed the Class 7A state championship trophy for the fifth year in a row after the Bryant Hornets defeated the Bentonville Tigers 36 to 7 at War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, though the Bryant football program has been in existence since 1949 when the team was coached by Leonard Rollins, the 2022 team led the program to the school's fifth state championship and a ranking among the top 50 high school football teams in the country by MaxPreps; and

WHEREAS, the Bryant Hornets had one of the best seasons in not only Bryant but Arkansas history, posting a 12-0 record while winning many games with a running clock and setting a school record of 53 consecutive wins over in-state opponents.

WHEREAS, the team was well-led by head coach Buck James supported by an excellent team of assistant coaches, coordinators, athletic trainers, and other staff members; and

WHEREAS, Coach Buck James has created 212 culture of winning that transcends not just football but every sport and extracurricular activity in the district, including Archery, Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, Tennis, Track and Field, Cross Country, Wrestling, Golf, Quiz Bowl, and Robotics from the elementary schools through the high school;

WHEREAS, Bryant Athletic Director Mike Lee and his staff also provided exceptional leadership in the operation of the athletic department to support the success of all of the teams,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Allen Scott, Mayor of Bryant, AR would like to acknowledge the accomplishments of these hard-working coaches, staff, and players and congratulate the Bryant High School Hornets football team on winning its back to back 5th State Football Championship on behalf of the city, it's residents and fans around the state. And declare February 12, 2023, as "Bryant Hornet Day".