

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, the NORTH MADISON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND THE METROPOLITAN YMCA'S of MISSISSIPPI**

WHEREAS the need exists for quality sports programming in Madison County for community members, of all ages; and

WHEREAS the Madison County Board of Supervisors created and constructed the county park at Sulphur Springs ('the park') to promote and to host wholesome recreational opportunities for all county residents, but most especially to provide recreational programs for the children and youth of north-east Madison County; and

WHEREAS the board of supervisors contracted with the Madison County Economic Development Council (NMED) to manage all program activities at Sulphur Springs Park; and

WHEREAS NMED has recommended to the board of supervisors that a partnership between NMED and the Metropolitan YMCAs of Mississippi ('the YMCA') should be established to expand access to recreational and developmental opportunities that promote youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility, and the board of supervisors believes that the recommendation by NMED, is well taken; and

WHEREAS it is further suggested by NMED that the YMCA should be tasked to organize, manage, and operate sports programming at Sulphur Springs Park, which may include, but is not limited to Youth Baseball, Adult Softball, Flag Football, and Soccer; and

WHEREAS the board of supervisors agrees that the YMCA should be tasked to provide said sports programming, subject to the standards of indemnification from liability imposed by Madison County upon all users of the park, and by participants of all sports programs held at the park; and

WHEREAS it is understood that an ancillary memorandum of understanding will be agreed between NMED and the YMCA concerning the nature, management and responsibilities of the YMCA and NMED regarding the specific sports programs to be held at the park, and that said MOU, once signed by the parties, will be acknowledged by the county board of supervisors and placed upon its official minutes.

THEREFORE, BE IT ACKNOWLEDGED and UNDERSTOOD, that the Madison County Board of Supervisors authorizes the North Madison County Economic Development Council to establish a partnership with the Metropolitan YMCA's of Mississippi in order to organize, manage, and operate seasonal sports programming at the Sulphur Springs Park (a park owned by Madison County) for the purpose of expanding access to recreational and

developmental opportunities that promote youth development, healthy living and social responsibility among the residents of Madison County.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED AND UNDERSTOOD that NMED is authorized to enter into a separate memorandum of understanding regarding the organization and management of specific sports events at the park, conditioned upon the adherence of all parties to the standards of indemnification from liability imposed by the Madison County Board of Supervisors upon all users of the park, and upon all participants of all sports events and programs held at the park.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the MOU between NMED and the YMCA will be acknowledged by the board of supervisors and recorded upon its official minutes.

Pursuant to motion duly made and seconded, and upon vote of the board of supervisors, this Memorandum of Understanding was approved.

Witness our Signatures:

For: Madison County:

For: The Metropolitan YMCAs of Mississippi

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Gerald Steen, President  
Board of Supervisors

For: North Madison Economic Development Council

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Attestation:

Ronny Lott  
Chancery Clerk

