RESOLUTION NO. 1469

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROJECT KNOWN AS THE "TRAILS AT MENA"

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism - Division of Arkansas State Parks and the City of Mena has worked together, along with other partners, in developing a vision for trail-focused recreation development project spanning Arkansas State Parks, U.S. Forest Service, and City of Mena managed land; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mena has been working with numerous stakeholders interested in seeing the vision fulfilled; and

WHEREAS, when such a vision is completed, it will attract visitors from across the country that highlight the natural terrain and environment of the Ouachita Mountains, diversify trail opportunities in the region by offering gravity-oriented riding experiences, and provide numerous recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mena considers the development of such a system to be of the utmost importance by providing the region with recreation as well as economic and community development; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Mena feels that it is in the best interest of the citizens to endorse and fully support the system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MENA, ARKANASAS, THAT:

> Section 1. The City of Mena fully supports and endorses the development of the Trails at Mena.

> Section 2. The City of Mena authorizes the Mayor to use its name while supporting efforts for the development of the Trails at Mena.

Passed and approved this <u>1</u> day of April 2023.

SETH F. SMITH, MAYOR

ATTEST: KACI ROSE, CITY CLERK/TREASURER

Mena City Council: <u>an</u>u James Earl Turner . rang Stanley Craig Dwight L. Douglas Mary Alice Head am Andy Brown Larry Stewart