

## *PROCLAMATION*

*Whereas*, All Volunteers that helped with the 1991 building of SKiP playground are the **2023 Stow Fourth of July Parade Grand Marshals**; and,

*Whereas*, September of 1991, after several months of planning, designing, and fundraising, the SKiP Playground Committee had the supplies and volunteers ready to go; and,

*Whereas*, Volunteers came to the SKiP Playground site on a Wednesday morning and construction began and continued through Sunday, when the playground was completed; and,

*Whereas*, SKiP Playground was built in just five days with volunteers numbering about 1,500 total helping throughout those five days; and,

*Whereas*, SKiP, the all wooden playground quickly became the favorite playground of many children, and their parents, throughout Stow and surrounding communities!

***NOW, THEREFORE***, I, John Pribonic, Mayor of the City of Stow, do hereby extend my gratitude to all the volunteers, coordinators, sponsors, City of Stow employees and 1991 members of Stow City Council for all the work put into this project and building SKiP playground in just five days. What an accomplishment! The dedication and hard work of the Stow community certainly came together and brought the SKiP playground to life. Years later, it became apparent the wooden playground was no longer safe and needed to be replaced. Fast forward to 2023 and SKiP is now back! The ribbon cutting will be July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. We know how proud everyone was of what the approximately 1,500 volunteers built together in 1991 while also creating a community. Our hope is you will be just as proud of the new SKiP playground and will enjoy sharing this new playground with family and friends as you reminisce and share your stories of “Building Together in ‘91”! I ask all citizens to join me in this expression of appreciation for your dedication and hard work to the Stow community. We extend best wishes upon the honorable occasion of being chosen as the 2023 Stow Parade Grand Marshals.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Stow, Ohio to be affixed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2023.

John Pribonic  
Mayor

