

RESOLUTION NO. 0001-2025

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA
COMMENDING ROBERT HEIDERMAN ON SIXTY YEARS OF SERVICE**

WHEREAS, Robert E. Heideman(hereinafter, "Bob"), Aquatics Supervisor with Venues Parks & Arts ("VPA"), after 60 years of service, has retired from the City of South Bend on September 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Bob served the City of South Bend dutifully for 60 years, working under five different mayoral administrations, alongside eleven Board of Parks Commissioners, and three directors; and

WHEREAS, Bob held several positions within the department throughout his career, including Lifeguard, Swim Lesson Instructor, Howard Park Ice Rink Guard, East Race Supervisor, and Aquatic Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, Bob was instrumental in preparing the agency for aquatic safety. With his expertise in the Red Cross, he conducted certification courses and certified lifeguards. He received awards for winning Lifeguard Competitions; and

WHEREAS, Bob played a key role in the success of the East Race Waterway, beginning his work in the first year of its operation in 1984. He became a Supervisor just two years later, in 1986, where he took on responsibilities such as training guards, maintaining equipment, and assigning guards to their locations; and

WHEREAS, Bob played a key role in starting the Kids Triathlon, which celebrated its 25th year; and

WHEREAS, Bob was a liaison, and/or served alongside hundreds of neighborhood groups, partnership operations, and community initiatives, many of which are still active today and critical to the community's health and vibrancy; and

WHEREAS, Bob's 60 years of service to the City of South Bend's Parks and Recreation Department, which is now Venues Parks & Arts, will have an impact for many years to come.

WHEREAS, Bob is deserving of recognition and honor by the BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS on behalf of the people the City of South Bend;

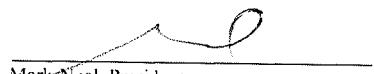
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS:

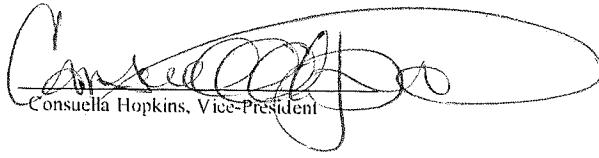
1. The BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS of the City of South Bend hereby commends and congratulates Robert E. Heideman for the distinguished and meritorious service which he has provided to the City of South Bend and extends its deepest appreciation for a job well done.

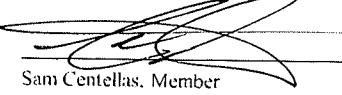
2. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from the date of its adoption.

ADOPTED at a meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held on November 17, 2025 at 219 South St. Louis Blvd., South Bend, Indiana 46617, **CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA**

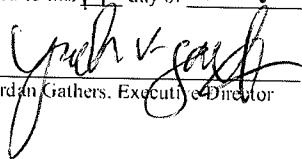
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS


Mark Neal, President


Consuelia Hopkins, Vice-President


Sam Centellas, Member

Attested to this 17th day of November, 2025.

By: 

Jordan Gathers, Executive Director