

PROCLAMATION

Recognizing 30 Years of Coach Greg V. Porter's Contributions to the Youth of Ann Arbor
August 2023

WHEREAS, we celebrate and honor Coach Greg V. Porter, whose steadfast dedication and enthusiastic efforts have enriched the lives of thousands of Ann Arbor children who participated in his American Baseball Camp offered through the Ann Arbor Public Schools Community Education and Recreation division. As an ambassador of the sport of baseball, he has fostered their educational, athletic, and cultural development for a span of 30 remarkable years; and

WHEREAS, throughout this time, Coach Porter has not merely guided young minds in the realm of baseball, but he has also acted as a mentor, by shaping character, instilling values, and nurturing a sense of discipline and teamwork among his charges. His influence has transcended the baseball diamond, creating a lasting impact that echoes through the lives of those he has touched; and

WHEREAS, Coach Porter lends his expertise to: impart knowledge, generate desire to have fun outdoors, provide children a sense of belonging, and promote camaraderie. His holistic approach recognizes that education encompasses life skills, empathy, and curiosity that serve as the foundation for well-rounded individuals; and

WHEREAS, in the realm of athletics, Coach Porter has been a beacon of inspiration. His structured instruction and guidance have transformed novice players into skilled competitors, teaching not only the techniques of the game, but also fostering resilience, sportsmanship, kindness towards others, and a sense of achievement that extends far beyond victories on the field; and

WHEREAS, Coach Porter has embraced the diversity of our world, and reflects Ann Arbor's core values, as he encourages acceptance among the children under his care. By showing them how to cohesively play with others from a wide array of backgrounds and perspectives, he has helped shape global citizens who possess an open-mindedness and respect for others that will serve them well in an interconnected world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christopher Taylor, Mayor of Ann Arbor, Michigan, do hereby let it be known that Coach Greg V. Porter stands as a true exemplar of dedication, passion, and selflessness. His legacy is etched in the hearts of generations he has nurtured, and his impact will continue to reverberate through time. As we gather to celebrate this milestone, we acknowledge and extend our deepest gratitude for thirty years of unwavering commitment to the betterment of our youth.



*I hereby set my hand and seal
this 29th day of August 2023*

Christopher Taylor

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Mayor of the City of Ann Arbor