

**THE TOWN COUNCIL OF GREENVILLE WILL MEET IN REGULAR SESSION
6 P.M., Monday, March 13, 2023
City Hall
154 SW Old Mission Avenue
Greenville, Florida 32331**

**REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order – Mayor**
- 2. Roll Call by the Mayor**
- 3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. Reading and Approval of the Agenda**
- 5. Consideration of Councilmember Absences**
- 6. Public Comment**
- 7. Consent Agenda – February 2023 Regular Session Meeting Minutes**
- 8. Discuss/Action – Resolution No. 2023-272: Related to Public Property (First Reading)- Town Attorney, John Reid**
- 9. Discuss/Action – Resolution No. 2023-273: Related to Public Parks (First Reading) - Town attorney, John Reid**
- 10. Discuss/Action- Resolution No. 2023-03: Related to AP African American Studies- Mayor Brittni Brown**
- 11. Discuss/Action- Resolution No. 2023-04: Related to Problem Gambling Awareness Month- Mayor Brittni Brown**
- 12. Discuss/Action- Resolution No 2023-05: Related to DEP State Revolving Fund Application- Town CEO/CFO, Lee Jones**
- 13. Discuss/Action- Code Enforcement Special Magistrate- Town attorney, John Reid**
- 14. Comments by Town CEO/CFO, Town Attorney and Council Members**
- 15. Future Agenda Items Request**
- 16. Informational Items**
- 17. Adjournment**

NEXT MEETING: Regular Session Council Meeting, Monday, April 10, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.

Any person who decides to appeal any decision made by the council with respect to any matter considered at such meeting will need a record of the proceedings, and that for such purpose, he or she may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

MINUTES
GREENVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Session, Monday February 13, 2023, 6:00 PM
CITY HALL, 154 SW OLD MISSION AVENUE, GREENVILLE, FL 32331

1. Call to Order: Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

2. Roll Call by the Mayor: Mayor Brittini Brown, Vice Mayor Kathleen Hamilton, Councilmember Calvin Malone, and Councilmember Carl Livingston were present.
Also Present: John Reid, Town Attorney
Attending Via Zoom: Town CEO/CFO Lee Jones

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Invocation was followed by the pledge of allegiance.

4. Reading and Approval of the Agenda:
MOTION: Vice Mayor Hamilton moved to approve the agenda; second by Councilmember Malone.

	<u>Yay</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mayor Brown	X	
Councilmember Hamilton	X	
Councilmember Livingston	X	
Councilmember Malone	X	

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Consideration of Council Member Absences: None.

6. Public Comments: Mrs. Janie Miller had concerns about the dirt piled up on Poncho Street and paving of roads as well as expressing concerns about residents that do not have sewer inside city limits. She also stated that she knew someone who was willing to help at the senior center. Mayor Brown Councilmember Malone spoke on the concerns of the Senior center as well as the Mayor addressing the concerns to the roads getting paved and the sewer for all residents.

7. Consent Agenda: *January 2023 Regular Session Meeting Minutes*
MOTION: Councilmember Malone moved to approve the consent agenda; second by Council Member Livingston.

	<u>Yay</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mayor Brown	X	
Councilmember Hamilton	X	
Councilmember Livingston	X	
Councilmember Malone	X	

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Comments by Town CEO/CFO, Town Attorney and Town Council
 - Town CEO/CFO Lee Jones gave an update as follows:
 - I. MR. Jones gave updates on the Rec Park and the work that is being done to update the park, concession stands, bathrooms etc along with the new installs that will be happening.

 - II. Mr. Jones gave an update on Haffaye Hays parks and stated that the work has been authorized and we will be ordering a dock along with various other upgrades. Council Member asked if this would be 2 separate grants or if they would be one, Mr. Jones stated that these would be 2 different grants, one for each park.

 - III. Mr. Jones stated that we were receiving a 77,000 Dollar grant from the Health Dept that would be covering

the cost of the new gym equipment for the park.

- **Town Attorney John Reid** stated that he is working on addressing the violations on the code enforcement and taking care of these violations.

Mr. Reid gave an update on the block party issue and what could be done to stop this, he referred back to the ordinance that covers most the issues that come with these events.

The pleasure of the board is to have the Town Attorney send over our ordinances on loud music and disorderly conduct to try and control these types of events.

Councilmember Malone said that he would like to see something put in place for unlawful gatherings as it seems that the loud noise ordinance is not helping.

9. Future Agenda Item requests: None.

12. Informational Items: None.

13. Adjournment:

MOTION: Councilmember Malone moved to adjourn; second by Councilmember Livingston.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Inglett

Julie Inglett, Administrative Assistant.

FIRST READING	_____
SECOND READING	_____
EFFECTIVE DATE	_____
ADVERTISEMENT	_____

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-272

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GREENVILLE, FLORIDA; AMENDING CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE II, CODE OF GENERAL ORDINANCES; CREATING SECTION 22-19; PROHIBITING THE REPAIR OR MAINTENANCE OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAYS; CREATING SECTION 22-20; PROHIBITING COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY ON PUBLIC PROPERTY; PROVIDING EXEMPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES; CREATING SECTION 2-21; REQUIRING PERMITS FOR GATHERINGS OR EVENTS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES; PROVIDING EXEMPTIONS; RENUMBERING SUBSEQUENT SECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE BEING SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL BY THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF GREENVILLE, FLORIDA.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GREENVILLE, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. Section 22-19 of the Code of General Ordinances of the Town of Greenville, Florida, is hereby created and shall read as follows:

Chapter 22 - STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES

ARTICLE I. - IN GENERAL

Secs. 22-1—22-18. - Reserved.

ARTICLE II. - STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

Sec. 22-19. - Repair and maintenance of motor vehicles in public rights-of-way prohibited.

- (a) The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Emergency repair means repair performed on a vehicle which has become inoperable when such repair:

- (1) Can be and is performed within one hour's continuous work time;

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(2) Is commenced within 12 hours of the time when the vehicle became inoperable; and

(3) Is no more extensive than necessary to make the vehicle operational.

Motor vehicle means every self-propelled device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a public right-of-way, excepting devices moved by human power or exclusively upon rails or tracks.

Public right-of-way means every way set apart for public travel in motor vehicles, including but not limited to streets, roadways, alleys, highways, and portions of driveways that cross a public sidewalk.

Repair means to fix, adjust, change oil, grease, or perform other maintenance or repair work; except that repair shall not include the changing of a flat tire or jumpstarting of a motor.

(b) Except for emergency repairs, no person shall repair a motor vehicle upon any public right-of-way within the city.

Section 2. Section 22-20 of the Code of General Ordinances of the Town of Greenville, Florida, is hereby created and shall read as follows:

Sec. 22-20. – Conducting business on streets, parks, or other public property; enforcement; penalties; unpaid fines to constitute liens.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person, while in or on any public street, avenue or alley, or any park, beach, structure, building, or other property or place owned, maintained, or operated by the town for public use, to sell, rent, or offer for sale or rent to the public, any merchandise, product, goods, or service of any nature whatsoever, other than newspapers of general circulation duly entered in the United States Postal Service.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any commercial business operator, establishment, entity, organization, or company that sells or rents merchandise, products, goods, or services, or engages in any service that sells or rents merchandise, products, goods, or services, (including, without limitation, those commercial operators that transport passengers), from conducting any portion of the commercial transaction, activity, or operation at any park, boat ramp, structure, building, or other property or place owned, maintained, or operated by the town. A commercial transaction, activity, or operation will be deemed to have occurred if any direct, indirect, or incidental portion of the commercial transaction, activity, or operation takes place at, or uses, a park, boat ramp structure, building or other property or place owned, maintained, or operated by the town.

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(c) Exemptions. This section shall not apply to:

- (1) Employees of the town acting for, and on behalf of, the town, as specifically authorized by the town manager; or
- (2) Persons authorized to render service to the public in any place set forth in subsection (a) and (b) by the town manager, provided the rendered service is a commercial outdoor fee based activity that has minimal impact to the town's public property; or
- (3) A commercial business operator, establishment, entity, organization, or company is authorized to render service to the public pursuant to a written agreement with the town.
- (4) Persons participating in any art show or exhibit held on all town properties under the specific authorization of the town council, and who are exhibiting paintings or objects of art produced or created by such persons.
- (5) Persons providing personal training exercise services or providing lessons in sports related activities in a town park, provided the rendered service(s) takes place at a park that is specifically designed, used, or otherwise intended by the town to provide a broad range of recreational facilities and uses and, further, the service(s) being rendered has/have minimal impact upon the public's use and enjoyment of the park.

(d) Penalties and enforcement.

- (1) Any violation of subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall be punished in accordance with section 1-7 of this Code.
- (2) Any violations of subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall be subject to the following fines:
 - a. If the violation is the first offense, a person or business shall receive a civil fine of \$250.00;
 - b. If the violation is the second violation within the preceding six months, a person or business shall receive a civil fine of \$500.00;
 - c. If the violation is the third violation within the preceding six months, a person or business shall receive a civil fine of \$1,000.00;
and
 - d. If the violation is the fourth or subsequent violation within the preceding six months, a person or business shall receive a civil fine of \$2,000.00.

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(3) Enforcement.

- a. The town manager or his or her designee shall enforce the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section. This shall not preclude other law enforcement agencies or regulatory bodies from any action to assure compliance with this section and all applicable laws. If a violation of this section is observed, the town manager or his or her designee will be authorized to issue a notice of violation. The notice shall inform the violator of the nature of the violation, amount of fine for which the violator is liable, instructions and due date for paying the fine, that the violation may be appealed by requesting an administrative hearing before a special magistrate pursuant to article IV of chapter 2 of this Code. The failure to appeal the violation shall constitute an admission of the violation and a waiver of the right to a hearing.

(4) Rights of violators; payment of fine; right to appear; failure to pay civil fine or to appeal; appeals from decisions of the special magistrate.

- a. A violator who has been served with a notice of violation must elect to either:
- i. Pay the civil fine in the manner indicated on the notice of violation, or
 - ii. Timely request an administrative hearing before a special magistrate to appeal the notice of violation pursuant to article IV of chapter 2 of this Code.
- b. The procedures for appeal by administrative hearing of the notice of violation shall be as set forth in article IV of chapter 2 of this Code. Applications for hearings must be accompanied by a fee as approved by a resolution of the city commission, which shall be refunded if the named violator prevails in the appeal.
- c. If the named violator, after issuance of the notice of violation, fails to pay the civil fine, or fails to timely request an administrative hearing before a special magistrate, the special magistrate may be informed of such failure by report from the town manager or his or her designee. The failure of the named violator to appeal the decision of the town manager or his or her designee within the prescribed time period shall constitute a waiver of the violator's right to an administrative hearing before the special magistrate and shall be treated as an admission of the violation, for which fines and penalties shall be assessed accordingly.

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- d. A certified copy of an order imposing a fine may be recorded in the public records, and thereafter shall constitute a lien upon any real or personal property owned by the violator, which may be enforced in the same manner as a court judgment by the sheriffs of this state, including levy against the violator's real or personal property, but shall not be deemed to be a court judgment except for enforcement purposes. On or after the 61st day following the recording of any such lien that remains unpaid, the town may foreclose or otherwise execute upon the lien.
- e. Any party aggrieved by a decision of a special magistrate may appeal that decision pursuant to article IV of chapter 2 of this Code.
- f. The special magistrate shall be prohibited from hearing the merits of the notice of violation or considering the timeliness of a request for an administrative hearing if the violator has failed to timely request an administrative hearing.
- g. The special magistrate shall not have discretion to alter the penalties prescribed in subsection (d)(2).

Section 3. Section 22-21 of the Code of General Ordinances of the Town of Greenville, Florida, is hereby created and shall read as follows:

Sec. 22-21. – Permit required.

- (a) Definitions. The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Demonstration means a public gathering, procession or parade, the primary purpose of which is the exercise of the rights of assembly and free speech as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States. It includes activities conducted on public property for the purpose of demonstrating approval or disapproval of governmental policies or practices, expressing a view on public issues, or bringing into public notice any issue or other matter.

Parade means any march or procession consisting of persons, animals, vehicles, or any combination thereof, traveling upon any public way, within the territorial jurisdiction of the city, that has been authorized by resolution of the town council.

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Picket line means a line of protesters outside a place of work with the purpose of intercepting outsiders and prevent them from working for employers with whom the organization is at variance.

Rally means a gathering of people with the intent to arouse enthusiasm or support for a common cause.

Right-of-way means land in which the state, the state department of transportation, the county or the town owns the fee or has an easement devoted to or required for use as a transportation facility or street.

Sidewalk means that portion of the right-of-way located between the curblin on the lateral line of a street and the adjacent property line, and which is intended for use by pedestrians.

Street means that portion of the right-of-way improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular and/or pedestrian traffic.

- (b) Permit required. No person or entity shall obstruct or cause to be obstructed any street or sidewalk in this town or impede the general movement of vehicular or pedestrian traffic thereon without first obtaining a permit from the town manager or his or her designee as provided in this section.
- (c) Permit requirements. Permits for temporary obstruction of the public right-of-way shall be issued upon completion of the following requirements:
- (1) The applicant shall file a completed application and shall execute a form approved by the town attorney agreeing to indemnify, defend, save, and hold harmless the city, its officers and employees, from any and all claims, liability, lawsuits, damages, and causes of action which may arise out of this permit, or the permittee's activity on the demised premises.
 - (2) The permittee agrees to obtain and maintain for the entire period, at its own expense, the following:
 - a. Commercial general liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage for construction activities located on town property. The town must be named as an additional insured on this policy, and an endorsement must be issued as part of the policy reflecting this requirement.
 - b. Workers' compensation and employers' liability insurance as required by the state.

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All policies must be issued by companies authorized to do business in the state of Florida and rated B+ or better for financial strength and classed as financial size category VI or better per the latest edition of Best's Key Rating Guide. The town must receive 30 days' written notice prior to any cancellation, nonrenewal, or material change in the coverage provided.

The permittee must provide and have approved by the town manager an original certificate of insurance as evidence that the above requirements have been met prior to receiving a permit and commencing the proposed activity.

The town manager shall be authorized to lower the amount of general liability insurance required upon a showing by the applicant that the amount set forth above is excessive under the circumstances for a particular activity.

- (3) The applicant shall post a cash deposit with the town manager in the estimated amount needed to pay for any damage to public property and costs for garbage, trash, and debris removal which may be necessary as a result of the applicant's use of the right-of-way for the proposed activity; the amount of the required deposit shall be determined by the public works director. The deposit shall be used by the town only if the applicant fails to repair any damage and/or remove garbage, trash, and debris resulting from the permitted activity. Any unused portion of the deposit shall be promptly returned to the applicant.
- (4) A fee of \$50.00 shall accompany each application. Additionally, any cost for obstruction of metered parking spaces will be determined as a separate cost by the public works director and must be deposited with the town prior to issuance of a permit. Following submittal of the application, the town manager shall determine the final permit fee, which shall be the higher of:
- a. A fee of \$50.00; or
 - b. The market value of the area to be closed or occupied, pursuant to a certified appraisal.

The applicant shall pay, prior to permit issuance, any additional permit fee required if the final permit fee based on market value is higher than the \$50.00 fee. Unless the town manager determines that seeking a certified appraisal would not be cost effective, the town must obtain an appraisal; if no certified appraisal is obtained, the fee of \$50.00 shall apply.

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- (5) No permit shall be issued if the public works director, county sheriff, and/or fire departments or the town manager determine that such activity would constitute a danger to public health and/or safety.
- (6) Appeals. Appeals from the determination of the deposit amount required by the town manager or his or her designee and appeals from the denial of a permit shall be to the town council. Alternatively, the town council may, by resolution, refer the matter to the town's special magistrate to hear such appeals. The appeals shall be conducted pursuant to the procedures set forth in sections article IV of chapter 2 of this Code. Applications for hearings must be accompanied by a fee as approved by a resolution of the town council, which will be refunded if the applicant prevails in the appeal.
- (d) Permit conditions. Permits issued pursuant to this section shall set forth any conditions necessary for the protection of property and public safety. Willful violation of the permit conditions shall render the permit null and void, and subject the violator to enforcement and penalties, as provided in subsection (e).
- (e) Penalties and enforcement.
- (1) Penalties for violations. The following penalties shall be imposed for a violation of subsections (b), (c)(1) through (c)(5), or (d):
- a. The penalty for the first violation by a person or entity within a 12-month period shall be a civil fine of \$500.00;
 - b. The penalty for the second violation by a person or entity within a 12-month period shall be a civil fine of \$1,000.00;
 - c. The penalty for the third violation by a person or entity within a 12-month period shall be a civil fine of \$5,000.00;
 - d. The penalty for the fourth violation by a person or entity within a 12-month period shall be a civil fine of \$10,000.00;
 - e. The fifth or subsequent violation by a person or entity within a 12-month period shall constitute an offense enforceable pursuant to section 1-7 of this Code.
- (2) Enforcement. The town manager shall enforce subsections (b), (c)(1) through (c)(5), and (d). This shall not preclude other law enforcement agencies or regulatory bodies from any action to assure compliance with this section and all applicable laws. If the town manager finds a violation of subsections (b), (c)(1) through (c)(5), or (d), the town manager or his or her designee shall issue a notice of violation in the manner prescribed in article IV of chapter 2 of this Code. The notice shall inform the violator of

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the nature of the violation, amount of fine for which the violator is liable, instructions and due date for paying the fine, that the violation may be appealed by requesting an administrative hearing before a special magistrate pursuant to those procedures set forth in article IV of chapter 2 of this Code. The failure to timely appeal the violation shall constitute an admission of the violation and a waiver of the right to a hearing.

(3) *Rights of violators; payment of fine; right to appeal; failure to pay civil fine or to appeal; appeals from decisions of the special magistrate.*

a. A violator who has been served with a notice of violation must elect to either:

i. Pay the civil fine in the manner indicated on the notice of violation, or

ii. Timely request an administrative hearing before a special magistrate to appeal the notice of violation pursuant to article IV of chapter 2 of this Code.

b. The procedures for appeal by administrative hearing of the notice of violation shall be as set forth in article IV of Chapter 2 of this Code.

c. The special magistrate shall not have discretion to alter the penalties prescribed in subsection (e)(1) or (e)(4).

(4) *Enhanced penalties.* The following enhanced penalties shall be imposed, in addition to any mandatory fines set forth in subsection (e)(1) above, for violations of subsection (b), (c)(1) through (c)(5), or (d):

a. Enhanced penalties for violations of subsection (b), (c)(1) through (c)(5), or (d):

i. A notice of violation of subsection (b), (c)(1) through (c)(5), or (d) shall be issued to the person or entity obstructing or causing to obstruct any street or sidewalk in this city or impeding the general movement of vehicular or pedestrian traffic thereon and, if the violation occurred within the course and scope of the violator's employment, a notice of violation shall also be issued to the person or entity employing the violator, who shall be jointly and severally liable for the violation.

ii. The town manager shall decline to issue, for a period of one year from the date of the violation, a temporary obstruction

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of right-of-way permit to such person or entity that has violated subsection (b), (c)(1) through (c)(5), or (d) three or more times within a 12-month period.

- (f) Exemptions. The requirements of this section shall not apply to demonstrations, parades, picket lines, or rallies, as defined in this section, filming, newsracks, sidewalk cafes, special events, telephones, or to any other person obstructing the public right-of-way pursuant to a town permit or franchise.

RENUMBER SUBSEQUENT SECTIONS.

Section 5. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable, and if any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance, but shall remain in effect, it being the legislative intent that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

Section 6. Repeal of conflicting ordinances. Any and all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage a.

Following the second reading of the foregoing, the Honorable _____ moved that the foregoing resolution be adopted. The Honorable _____ seconded the motion for its adoption.

The Honorable _____ put the question to a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

Hon. Carl Livingston, Councilmember	Voted: _____
Hon. Calvin Malone, Councilmember	Voted: _____
Hon. Kathleen Hamilton, Vice Mayor/Councilmember	Voted: _____
Hon. Brittni Brown, Mayor/Councilmember	Voted: _____

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Greenville, Florida, this
_____ day of _____, 2023.

APPROVED:

HON. BRITTNI BROWN
Mayor/Councilmember

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

LEE N. JONES, JR.
Interim Town Clerk

JOHN LAURANCE REID
Town Attorney

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RESOLUTION NO. 2023-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GREENVILLE, FLORIDA; URGING FLORIDA GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO RESCIND THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S REJECTION OF THE INCLUSION OF THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES COURSE IN THE FLORIDA COURSE CODE DIRECTORY AND INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENTS; REPEALING CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Advanced Placement ("AP") Program is administered by the College Board and consists of college-level courses, referred to as "AP Courses;" and

WHEREAS, AP courses are rigorous high school courses that may count for college credit in addition to high school credit, upon the successful completion of the appropriate AP exam; and

WHEREAS, AP courses are designed to bring the college experience to high school students so they may earn college credits, build confidence, and learn essential time-management and study skills that are needed for college and career success; and

WHEREAS, the AP curriculum for each of the diverse subjects is created for the College Board by a panel of experts and college level educators in the specified academic discipline; and

WHEREAS, in order for a high school course to have an AP designation, the course must be audited by the College Board to ascertain that it satisfies the AP curriculum; and

WHEREAS, AP courses are electives that may be taken by students and are not required for graduation from high school; and

WHEREAS, for more than a decade, the AP Program worked alongside colleges, universities, and secondary schools and drew from the expertise and experience of college faculty and teachers across the country to create an AP course in African American Studies; and

WHEREAS, the AP African American Studies course is an interdisciplinary course that is designed to offer high school students an evidence-based introduction to African American studies that reaches into a variety of fields, including literature, the arts and humanities, political science, geography, and science, to explore the vital contributions and experience of African Americans; and

WHEREAS, the College Board's AP African American Studies course is essentially designed to provide students with a solid understanding of how African Americans have shaped America, its history, laws, institutions, culture, and arts; and

WHEREAS, the College Board’s proposed timeline for the nationwide development of the African Studies course is as follows:

2022-23	First pilot at 60 schools across the country.
2023-24	Pilot expands to hundreds of additional schools.
2024-25	All schools can begin offering AP African American Studies.
2024-25	First AP African American Studies Exams are administered.

WHEREAS, State Board of Education Rule 6A-1.09441, Florida Administrative Code, provides that in order to receive funding through the Florida Education Finance Program and for which a student may earn credit toward high school graduation, a course must be listed in the “Course Code Directory and Instructional Assignments for the year in which the student is in membership; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Education approved the following AP Courses and Exams for inclusion in the Florida Course Code Directory and Instructional Personnel Assignments that are similar to the AP African American Studies course¹:

1. AP European History: Study the cultural, economic, political, and social developments that have shaped Europe from c. 1450 to the present. You’ll analyze texts, visual sources, and other historical evidence and write essays expressing historical arguments.
2. AP Chinese Language and Culture: Develop your Mandarin Chinese language skills and learn about Chinese culture. You’ll practice communicating in Chinese and you’ll engage with real-life materials such as newspaper articles, films, music, and books.
3. AP French Language and Culture: Develop your French language skills and learn about the cultures in French-speaking parts of the world. You’ll practice communicating in French and study real-life materials such as newspaper articles, films, music, and books.
4. AP German Language and Culture: Develop your German language skills and learn about the cultures in German-speaking parts of the world. You’ll practice communicating in German and study real-life materials such as newspaper articles, films, music, and books.
5. AP Italian Language and Culture: Develop your Italian language skills and learn about the cultures in Italian-speaking parts of the world. You’ll practice communicating in Italian and study real-life materials such as newspaper articles, films, music, and books.

¹ See, <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/course-index-page>

6. AP Japanese Language and Culture: Develop your Japanese language skills and learn about Japanese culture. You'll practice communicating in Japanese and you'll engage with real-life materials such as newspaper articles, films, music, and books.

7. AP Latin: Learn to read and analyze Latin literature as you explore ancient Roman history and culture. You'll translate passages from the writings of Vergil and Caesar and examine them through class discussions, debates, and presentations.

8. AP Spanish Language and Culture: Develop your Spanish language skills and learn about the cultures in Spanish-speaking parts of the world. You'll practice communicating in Spanish and study real-life materials such as newspaper articles, films, music, and books.

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2023, despite the College Board's decade long development of the AP African American Studies course, the Florida Department of Education notified the College Board Florida Partnership that it does not approve the inclusion of the AP African American Studies course because "this course is *inexplicably contrary to Florida law and significantly lacks educational value.*" (emphasis added); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Greenville, Florida, is a diverse community with a majority of the municipality's population being Black or African American; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Greenville, Florida, believes that high school students should have the choice to expand their academic horizons and select courses based on historical fact.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GREENVILLE, FLORIDA as follows:

SECTION 1. The above WHEREAS clauses are hereby incorporated by reference into this Resolution.

SECTION 2. The Town Council of the Town of Greenville, Florida, denounces the Department of Education's decision to reject the inclusion of the College Board's AP African American Studies Course and hereby urges Governor Ron DeSantis and the Florida Department of Education to rescind their decision and include the Course in the in the Florida Course Code Directory and Instructional Personnel Assignments because of its academic value for all Florida high school student.

SECTION 3. The Town Council of the Town of Greenville, Florida, hereby directs the Town CEO/CFO to transmit an executed copy of this Resolution to the Executive Office of Governor Ron DeSantis and the Florida Department of Education.

SECTION 4. Any and all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

Following the reading of the foregoing resolution, the Honorable _____ moved that the foregoing resolution be adopted. The Honorable _____ seconded the motion for its adoption.

The Honorable _____ put the question to a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

Hon. Carl Livingston, Councilmember	Voted: _____
Hon. Calvin Malone, Councilmember	Voted: _____
Hon. Kathleen Hamilton, Vice Mayor/Councilmember	Voted: _____
Hon. Brittni Brown, Mayor/Councilmember	Voted: _____

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Greenville, Florida, this _____ day of _____, 2023.

APPROVED:

HON. BRITTNI BROWN
Mayor/Councilmember

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

LEE N. JONES, JR.
Town CEO/CFO

JOHN LAURANCE REID
Town Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GREENVILLE, FLORIDA; DECLARING MARCH 2023 AS PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, problem gambling is a serious public health issue affecting one to three percent of the general adult population and often results in personal, financial, familial, legal, and other costs, including a high risk of suicide; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that over 200,000 Florida adults of diverse age, race, ethnicity, and socio-economic status suffer from past-year gambling problems, and 700,000 more are at risk of developing such difficulties, constituting 4.7% of the adult population ages 18 and older; and

WHEREAS, it is further important to note that these statistics do not account for youth, who are increasingly and deceptively exposed to gambling concepts and are at an increased risk for developing gambling-related problems; and

WHEREAS, it is also essential to recognize problem gambling as a societal issue, with 8-10 additional people adversely impacted by every problem gambler, increasing the affected population by an estimated additional 1.5 million individuals, with conservative projected social costs amounting to more than \$9 billion nationally each year; and

WHEREAS, problem gambling is treatable for those who seek help, which minimizes the harm to Floridians and to the State as a whole; and

WHEREAS, any individual, professional, or other organization dedicated to assisting those in need can participate in raising awareness and preventing problem gambling by promoting the statewide, confidential, toll-free, and 24-hour Problem Gambling Helpline, 888-ADMIT-IT; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling's public awareness campaign provides an opportunity to educate the public, policymakers, educators, businesses, mental health and criminal justice professionals, and others, about the potential adverse effects of gambling, as well as social, legal, financial, and emotional impacts and available supports; and

WHEREAS, any individual, professional, or other organization dedicated to assisting those in need can participate in raising awareness and preventing problem gambling by promoting the statewide, confidential, toll-free, and 24-hour Problem Gambling Helpline 888-ADMIT-IT; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Greenville can demonstrate its support in addressing problem gambling by raising public awareness through declaration of proclamation of the month of March 2023 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month in the Town of Greenville.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GREENVILLE, FLORIDA as follows:

SECTION 1. The Town Council of the Town of Greenville, Florida, hereby proclaims this month of March 2023 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month in the Town of Greenville, Florida.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

Following the reading of the foregoing resolution, the Honorable _____ moved that the foregoing resolution be adopted. The Honorable _____ seconded the motion for its adoption.

The Honorable _____ put the question to a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

Hon. Carl Livingston, Councilmember	Voted: _____
Hon. Calvin Malone, Councilmember	Voted: _____
Hon. Kathleen Hamilton, Vice Mayor/Councilmember	Voted: _____
Hon. Brittni Brown, Mayor/Councilmember	Voted: _____

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Greenville, Florida, this _____ day of _____, 2023.

APPROVED:

HON. BRITTONI BROWN
Mayor/Councilmember

ATTEST:

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