



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The City of Simpsonville recognizes the need to inspire changes in youth sports to make the experience safe, positive and fun for everyone involved; and

WHEREAS, we believe in the benefits and importance of youth sports as a means to teach the children of this community values and skills that will be of benefit to them throughout life; and

WHEREAS, we believe that in order to realize the true value of youth sports participation and to provide a safe, positive and fun environment for youth and their families to participate, we must raise the standards among the users of our community's youth sports facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Recommendations for Communities that were derived from the National Summit on Raising Community Standards in Children's Sports outlines a comprehensive community strategy to assist us in meeting these objectives; and

WHEREAS, we believe that our community must appoint a qualified professional youth sports administrator who has been trained and certified to oversee all organized youth sports programs to ensure a high standard among users of our community's facilities; and

WHEREAS, we believe that league organizers and administrators must be educated on how to provide a safe, positive and fun youth sports environment before being granted permits to use facilities; and

WHEREAS, we believe volunteer coaches and parents must receive orientation and education as to their individual roles and responsibilities in our community's effort to raise the standards of youth sports programs and that volunteer coaches and parents be held accountable for their behaviors; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable to establish requirements and procedures for youth sports organizations utilizing public facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Steve Eden, Mayor of the City of Simpsonville, Kentucky in a meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof, recognize and encourage official implementation of this community strategy to improve the culture of youth sports for all participants.

Signature

Date