



RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING AND SUPPORTING 50 YEARS OF BIDDY BASKETBALL

CITY OF NASHUA

In the Year Two Thousand and Five

RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Nashua that

WHEREAS, in 1955 Mayor Mario Vagge initially met with five members of the Nashua Lodge of Elks #720 to discuss a winter basketball program for the youth of Nashua, which would be called Bidy Basketball; and

WHEREAS, the Bidy Basketball program, named and designed after a national program, was conceived; and

WHEREAS, Bidy Basketball started with just six teams of 125 boys. In 1957, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barker developed and implemented a program for girls ages 9–13; and

WHEREAS, from 1955 through 1957, the Nashua Elks was the sole supporter of the Bidy Basketball program. In 1958, the City of Nashua started funding the Bidy Basketball program and it is now one of the largest city run recreational programs in the state; and

WHEREAS, the Bidy Basketball program now has 7 leagues consisting of 102 teams, over 1,650 players, and dedicated coaches and assistant coaches. This program for the youth of our communities runs from October to March; and

WHEREAS, over the years Bidy Basketball, supported and managed by our Park-Recreation Department, has changed from a North and South league to a total city-wide league. The age groups include a 7-9 junior program, 10-12 bidy program, 13-15 bantam program, and 16-18 senior program.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Aldermen and the Mayor do hereby proclaim December 13, 2005 as Nashua Bidy Basketball Day to honor and recognize the members of this worthy organization and to congratulate them on their 50th anniversary of outstanding service provided to the youth of this community.