



WHEREAS, the Bessemer City 12-Under (12-U) Dixie Youth Fastpitch Softball All-Star Team swept through the 2023 District and State tournament season undefeated to capture the ultimate title at the Dixie Youth World Series held in Alexandria, Louisiana on August 1st; and,

WHEREAS, winning the State Championship title in Southport, NC, they defeated West Chatham in the final game, outscoring their overall competition by a staggering 47-8; and,

WHEREAS, they went on to proudly represent North Carolina in the Ponytails Division of the Dixie Youth World Series, where they continued their dominating performance by outscoring their opponents in four games 32-4, defeating Georgia in the final game for the title; and,

WHEREAS, the team diligently persisted with great optimism and belief that they could accomplish something special if they set out to achieve two specific goals set by Head Coach, Dustin Morehead – “have fun and win”; and,

WHEREAS, the team demonstrated the characteristics of true champions throughout the season finishing with a batting average of .384, with six players who hit .400 or better, and 28 extra-base hits in 13 games, including three home runs; and,

WHEREAS, the All-Stars’ speed, power, and balance, coupled with stellar pitching, proved unstoppable as they dominated their opponents during the 2023 season.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners commends the **Bessemer City 12-U Dixie Youth Fastpitch Softball All-Stars**, namely:

Bre Bates	Aiyona Gilliam	Addy Morehead
Ava Blanton	Oakleigh Herring	Victoria Payne
Blair Culberson	Marissa Kiser	Avery Price
Zoe Culberson	Hailey Morales	Lilly Stiffler

Coaches: Dustin Morehead, Ashley Price and Wes Culberson

and congratulates them for their championship success in the 12-U District and State tournament season and for rolling on to win the 12-U World Series title at the **Dixie Youth World Series in Alexandria, Louisiana**.

Chad Brown, Chairman

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