



RESOLUTION 23-629

A RESOLUTION TO DEDICATE THE CHILDREN'S MEMORY PARK,
A PLACE TO REMEMBER LOCAL CHILDREN WHO WERE TAKEN FROM US TOO SOON

Whereas, the Town of Mount Carmel has recently completed its new children's playground; and,

Whereas, the idea for a Children's Memory Park came from the family of Quinnlee Mae Shriener, who wished to share a place of recollection for all those that love and miss her

Whereas, Edgar Albert Guest, the American poet who became known as the People's Poet, wrote the poem entitled, "To all Parents"

"I'll lend you for a while a child of mine," He said.
"For you to love the while he lives and mourn for when he's dead.
It may be six or seven years, or twenty-two or three,
But will you, till I call him back, take care of him for me?
He'll bring his charms to gladden you, and should his stay be brief,
You'll have his lovely memories as solace for your grief."

"I cannot promise he will stay; since all from earth return,
But there are lessons taught down there I want this child to learn.
I've looked the wide world over in My search for teachers true
And from the throngs that crowd life's lanes I have chosen you.
Now will you give him all your love, not think the labor vain,
Nor hate Me when I come to call to take him back again?"

"I fancied that I heard them say, "Dear Lord, Thy will be done!
For all the joy Thy child shall bring, the risk of grief we run.
We'll shelter him with tenderness, we'll love him while we may,
And for the happiness we've known, forever grateful stay;
But should the angels call for him much sooner than we've planned,
We'll brave the bitter grief that comes and try to understand!"

BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section I. That the playground at the Mount Carmel City Park be and hereby is dedicated as, the Children's Memory Park.

Section II. That the parents/guardians of minor children who have passed on, can request inscription of the child's name.

Section III. That Resolution shall become effective upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Adopted this 24th day of August, 2023.


PAT STILWELL, Mayor

ATTEST:



Emily Wood, Town Administrator/Recorder

Motion by: Alderman John Gibson

Second by: Alderman Darby Patrick