

RESOLUTION HONORING CITY MANAGER LEE D. GARRITY

WHEREAS, Lee D. Garrity has served the citizens of the City of Winston Salem since December 3, 1990; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garrity joined the city staff as a senior budget and evaluation analyst and was subsequently promoted to Organizational Effectiveness Director on December 5, 1997; and to Assistant City Manager on April 30, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garrity was appointed City Manager on July 14, 2006, and has diligently and capably served in this capacity for almost 17 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garrity adapted city government to better serve Winston-Salem's citizens, to include creation of the CityLink citizen-service call center and establishment of the Office of Community Assistance to assist citizens in doing business with the city; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garrity modernized city government to make operations more efficient and to meet the emerging needs of the 21st Century, to include combining the City-County Inspections Division and the City-County Planning Department into the Department of Planning and Development Services; combining Streets and Stormwater into the Field Operations Department; combining the Minority/Women's Business Enterprises staff and the Small Business Assistance staff into the Office of Business Inclusion and Advancement; creating the Office of Sustainability; and adding a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Division to the Human Relations Department; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garrity provided steady, innovative leadership through many difficult challenges, including the Great Recession, the COVID-19 pandemic and implementation of the 2014 and 2018 bond projects, all while ensuring that the city remained on sound financial footing and maintained the highest possible credit rating from all major rating agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem hereby honor Mr. Lee D. Garrity and express their deepest gratitude for his years of dedicated service to the citizens of Winston-Salem.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a portrait of Mr. Lee D. Garrity be displayed in City Hall, along with the portraits of Mr. C. E. Perkins, Mr. John M. Gold, Mr. Orville W. Powell and Mr. Bryce A Stuart, previous City Managers of the City of Winston-Salem.