RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 2020 WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY RAMS MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

WHEREAS, the Winston-Salem State University Rams Men's Basketball team won the 2020 Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Men's Basketball Championship with a 63-62 win over the Fayetteville State Broncos; and

WHEREAS, the Rams entered the tournament with a 16-10 overall record and won 3 straight games against Livingstone College, Claflin University, and Fayetteville State University to win the championship; and

WHEREAS, the Rams were at an 11-point deficit in the final five minutes of the game.

They took the lead with just four seconds left to play to claim the win; and

WHEREAS, their thrilling comeback win improved their overall record to 19-10; and WHEREAS, Rams coaches Cleo Hill, Jr., Ricky Wilson, and Lance Beckwith have led the team to their 12th conference championship in school history; and

WHEREAS, the last time the Rams won the conference championship was in 2012; and WHEREAS, with their CIAA Championship win, the Rams have earned an automatic bid to the 2020 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division 11 Atlantic Regional Tournament.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem, do hereby commend and congratulate the Winston-Salem State University Men's Basketball team on their Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Championship and wish the team many more years of exceptional basketball playing.