

Winston-Salem City Council
APPROVED
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RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 2023 WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY RAMS MENS BASKETBALL TEAM

WHEREAS, the Winston-Salem State University Rams Men's Basketball team won the 2023 Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Men's Basketball Championship with a 62-57 win over the Lincoln University (PA); and

WHEREAS, the Rams entered the tournament with a 21-8 overall record and won 4 straight games against Claflin University, St. Augustine's University, Virginia Union, and Lincoln University (PA); and

WHEREAS, the Rams were at 34-34 midway through the second half. They took the lead with 1 minute and 29 seconds left with 10-points; and

WHEREAS, their thrilling comeback win improved their overall record to 25-8, and coaches Cleo Hill Jr., Ricky Wilson, and Lance Beckwith led the team to their 13th conference championship in school history; and

WHEREAS, with their CIAA Championship win, the Rams have earned an automatic bid to the 2023 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II 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.