

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE
2017 OUTSTANDING WOMEN LEADER RECIPIENTS**

WHEREAS, the month of March is Women's History Month; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Women's History Project, it is important to share the stories of individual women "who have successfully challenged the role of women in both business and the paid labor force. Women have always worked, but often their work has been undervalued and unpaid." It is important to "honor trailblazing women in labor and business;" and

WHEREAS, the City of Winston Salem will acknowledge the strength and effectiveness of women leaders in Winston-Salem at a recognition program on April 20, 2017; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 14th annual Outstanding Women Leaders program hosted by the City of Winston-Salem; and

WHEREAS, the Outstanding Women Leaders program has previously recognized 130 chief executive officers, doctors, attorneys, and women of numerous professions as an effort to shine a light on the significant contributions made by women leaders in the community; and

WHEREAS, this year's honorees, who exemplify leadership characteristics are: Former Representative Earline Parmon (Posthumous); TaWanna Archia, Project Manager, UNC School of the Arts; Cheryl Harry, Director of African American Programming, Old Salem Museums & Gardens; Rosalba Ledezma, Associate Vice Chancellor – Facilities, WSSU; Cheryl Lindsay, Director of Global Diversity & Inclusion, Hanesbrands, Inc.; Randon Pender, Independent Nurse Case Management; Dr. Johanna Porter-Kelley, Associate Professor of Microbiology, WSSU; Lynn Rhoades, Co-Founder/Executive Director of Authoring Action; Evelyn Sanders, Retired Teacher and Owner of S & J Specialty; Anna Marie Smith, Chief Human Resources Officer,

Forsyth Technical Community College; Angela Sowell, Deputy Fire Marshall, Winston-Salem Fire Department; and Lanie Pope, Chief Meteorologist, WXII News 12; and

WHEREAS, the hard work and accomplishments of all women are valued and appreciated by the Mayor and City Council and the citizens of Winston-Salem.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Winston-Salem City Council approve honoring the aforementioned 2017 Outstanding Women Leaders and wishes them much success as they continue their efforts in leading the next generation of women leaders.