## RESOLUTION HONORING THE 2025 WSPD CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY GRADUATES

WHEREAS, 10 citizens have successfully completed the Winston-Salem Police Departments Citizens Police Academy: Deborah Bumpas, Dr. Cynthia Dixon, Michael Feudale, Angelina Gooch, Patrick Martino, Tammy Melton, Camarra Monae, Lluleidy Rufino-Ocampo, Amber Slone and Brian Wertman; and

WHEREAS, the course is intended to provide residents with a deeper understanding of the inner-workings and complexities of law enforcement and the Winston-Salem Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Citizens Police Academy has included more than 35 hours of interactive instruction across 13 weeks, giving participants a behind-the-scenes look at the Winston-Salem Police Department, and whereas the coursework covers city governance, police structure, community engagement, investigations, field operations, and constitutional law and much more, whereas participants experience specialized units such as SWAT, K-9, Forensics, and the Real Time Crime Center, and have completed a ride-along or sit-along with Patrol or Communications; and

WHEREAS, their dedication has resulted in a better understanding and appreciation of City government and law enforcement and their participation has given them the resources to serve their community and the world better;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Winston-Salem City Council hereby approve honoring the 2025 WSPD Citizens Police Academy graduates and wish them much success with their future as community leaders.