## RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE HONORABLE JOHN C. LARSON FOR HIS SERVICE AS COUNCIL MEMBER

**WHEREAS**, Mr. John C. Larson began serving the South Ward as a City Council Member in December 2016, and diligently served in this capacity for eight years; and

**WHEREAS**, Council Member Larson attended the University of South Carolina where he earned a Bachelor's and Master's degrees in History; and

**WHEREAS**, Council Member Larson served as a Captain in the United States Army from 1972-1975 and championed the City's recognition of Veteran's Day as an official City holiday; and

WHEREAS, Council Member Larson has served on various committees, including the Peter Oliver Pavilion Committee, Public Works Committee, Southeast Gateway Planning Committee, Business 40 Design Committee, Vice Chair of the Public Safety Committee, Piedmont Triad Regional Council, Creative Corridor Board, and Keep Winston-Salem Beautiful; and

**WHEREAS**, Council Member Larson was a strong advocate for sustainability and was instrumental in the reactivation of the Sustainability Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Council Member Larson also served on the Old Salem Area Security Council, WSFC Historic Properties Commission, Wachovia Historical Society, and Moravian Archives board; and

**WHEREAS,** Council Member Larson has strongly supported Old Salem; accomplishing substantial upgrades to the Old Salem infrastructure, renovation of the Old Salem strollway and advocating for the Molly Leight Crossing at Salem Creek; and

**WHEREAS**, Council Member Larson has worked consistently to protect neighborhoods and enhance parks; his efforts include renovations to Washington Park, Hobby Park and Granville Park and helped establish a micropark in the Konnoak neighborhood.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Winston-Salem hereby honor and express great appreciation for Council Member John C. Larson for his dedicated public service, his engaged involvement with the Winston-Salem community, and his commitment to the well-being of all its residents.