

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ELIGIBILITY FOR AND NOMINATION OF
BAHNSON COMPANY BUILDING
TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

WHEREAS, the Bahnson Company Building is significant because of its association with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of American history—specifically our local industry—as the manufacturing plant that invented, fabricated, supplied, installed, and serviced air conditioning and filtration, humidification, and ventilation equipment and systems that revolutionized factory design and operation; and

WHEREAS, the business, headed by brothers Agnew Hunter Bahnson and Frederic Fries Bahnson, originated in July 1915 as the Normalair Company marketed a humidifier patented by their uncle, industrialist John W. Fries. The business, reorganized as the Bahnson Humidifier Company in 1918, became known as the Bahnson Company by 1921 as it grew to serve an international clientele; and

WHEREAS, the approximately 2.02-acre parcel located at 1001 South Marshall Street retains the manufacturing plant; and

WHEREAS the Bahnson Company Building possess the seven qualities of historic integrity – location, setting, feeling, association, design, materials, and workmanship; and

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2026, the Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission found that the Bahnson Company Building met the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and recommended that it be listed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem, designated as a Certified Local Government, having reviewed the nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the Bahnson Company Building, hereby find that the said property meets the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as stated in Section 8 of the report.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Winston-Salem City Council, therefore, recommends that the Bahnson Company Building be submitted for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.