RESOLUTION HONORING MRS. DOROTHY ANN BONNER FOR HER DEDICATED COMMUNITY AND LEADERSHIP SERVICE

WHEREAS, Dorothy Ann was born to the union of William and Alberta Singleton on May 4, 1947 in Winston-Salem, NC. She is a product of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools system, attending and graduating from Carver High School; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy met and married the love of her life and to that union four children were born, Clarence, Jr., Carlton Bonner, Shane, and Scheherazade. She is the proud grandmother of five, and even prouder great-grandmother of 13; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy relocated to Boston, Massachusetts for 16 years where she was employed with the Gillette Razor Company for 15 years. It was there where she first became involved in community and crisis development as well as heavily involved in politics; and

WHEREAS, In 1983 Dorothy returned to Winston-Salem where she was employed by the East Winston Community Development Corporation, Northwest Child Development Council and, retired from Wake Forest Baptist Hospital in 2005; and

WHEREAS, having a deep interest in politics, social justice and consumer rights, Dorothy has participated in numerous community leadership programs such as Founder and President of the Fairchild Hills Tenant Association which provided after school tutoring for youth and babysitting for young mothers. For over 30 years she has been a community activist in the Bowen Park Neighborhood and has served on both the Drug and Alcohol Coalition Board of Directors and the Board of the North Winston Community Development Corporation where she participated in a leadership academy; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 Dorothy reorganized United Neighbors Involved in Transforming Youth (UNITY), which was originally formed in 1994 as a year round lawn care service program for ages 13 to 17 committed to transform neighborhood youth and assist them in becoming successful and productive citizens of society; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy is a community grassroots leader who is compassionate and has excellent people skills. Her motto is "Together we stand, divided we fall". She is energetic, motivated, committed and dedicated to helping others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem, do hereby, recognize and honor Mrs. Dorothy Ann Bonner for her love, commitment, dedication and over 30 years of service to her community and the City of Winston-Salem.