

CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM



Resolution

HONORING THE FOUNDING PRESIDENT OF THE WINSTON-SALEM POLICE FOUNDATION, SCOTT J. SEWELL

WHEREAS, in 2014, Scott Sewell and Chief Barry D. Rountree began working to fulfil a vision for creating a "Winston-Salem Police Foundation." By May of 2015, the Foundation was established and making its positive mark on our community with the leadership of President Scott J. Sewell; and

WHEREAS, President Sewell focused on generating resources in support of community outreach programs that the Winston-Salem Police Department otherwise could not offer. President Sewell has focused on the importance of literacy in our community, emphasizing the literacy of our younger children. Under President Sewell's guidance, the Foundation has been able to provide critical resources needed to implement innovative programs which make Winston-Salem a safer place to live, work, and enjoy life; and

WHEREAS, over the past four years, the Winston-Salem Police Foundation has increased in size and orchestrated many positive programs in our community. Achievements by the Winston-Salem Police Foundation under President Sewell's leadership include:

- *Expanding Community and Neighborhood Relations*
- *Mentoring Programs*
- *Promoting Public Safety*
- *Encouraging Innovative Approaches to Community Policing*
- *Promoting Officer Safety, Wellness and Morale*
- *Recognizing and honoring exceptional police work, valor and outstanding achievements with the Officer and Employee of the Year Recognition*
- *Promotional Plaques for Winston-Salem Police Department Employees*
- *The annual backpack giveaway, which began by giving out 500 backpacks and has grown to over 1,500*
- *Operation Sweet Reads, a mobile literacy program used to bridge the gap between officers and children, which is deployed multiple times each month to provide books and ice cream to the community*
- *Funding for The Buddy Book Club*
- *Funding for the Millennium Scholars program, which now has grown to three schools*
- *Sponsoring athletic teams at local recreation centers*
- *Sponsoring Trunk or Treats and Community Movie Nights*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Winston-Salem City Council approve honoring Winston-Salem Police Foundation President Scott J. Sewell for his last four years of hard work and dedication to the Police Foundation, The Winston-Salem Police Department and the City of Winston-Salem.

This 2nd Day of December, 2019

*Allen Joines, Mayor
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