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**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE NAMING OF SALEM LAKE EVENT CENTER IN
HONOR OF FORMER ALDERMAN DR. VIRGINIA K. NEWELL**

WHEREAS, in 1977, Dr. Virginia K. Newell was elected as one of the first African American females as a member of the Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen (now City Council) for the East Ward; and

WHEREAS, she served 16 years and worked tirelessly for better housing, racial unity, and economic independence; and

WHEREAS, in the East Ward, Dr. Newell initiated the African American bank, the East Winston Shopping Center, ten investment clubs, and served on an economic platform that developed and built Ivy Arms Apartments and Community Center; and

WHEREAS, being a strong advocate for children, Dr. Newell was the founder of the YWCA's "Best Choice Center," an academically focused program that provides afterschool care, enrichment activities, and summer camp for children of low-income families; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2022, Dr. Newell celebrated her 105th birthday at the Salem Lake Marina Center; and

WHEREAS, she continues to support the importance of voter registration and remains an integral part of Winston-Salem's community through her tireless dedication to education and the betterment of her fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, as required by the City Council's adopted policy on naming of City-owned buildings and facilities, the advisory body overseeing the facility, the Recreation and Parks Commission, supports a resolution recommending the naming of the Salem Lake Marina Event Center in honor of Dr. Virginia K. Newell.

**Winston-Salem City Council
APPROVED
November 14, 2022**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem hereby approve the naming of the Salem Lake Event Center in honor of former Alderman, Dr. Virginia K. Newell.