

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY 2021  
FOOTBALL TEAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Wake Forest football team recorded a program-record tying 11 wins during the 2021 season, an Atlantic Coast Conference Atlantic Division Championship and a TaxSlayer Gator Bowl victory; and

**WHEREAS**, the Deacs are the only Big Four school to record 11 wins in a single season twice (2006, 2021) this century. Wake Forest is one of seven Atlantic Coast Conference programs to achieve this mark as a member institution of the league; and

**WHEREAS**, eleven members of the 2021 Wake Forest football team were named to the All-ACC Academic team, shattering the previous school single year record and marking the sixth-consecutive year the Demon Deacons have had four or more members on the All-Academic team and the third consecutive season five players garnered honors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Winston-Salem and Triad community has created a tremendous home field advantage at Truist Field as Wake Forest Athletics strives to provide the Best Fan Experience in North Carolina. The Demon Deacons football program is 15-2 at home since the start of the 2019 season and is on a current nine-game win streak that is tied for the 10th-longest active streak in the country and is a program record. Additionally with a perfect 6-0 mark last season, the Deacs recorded their first undefeated home record for the first time since 1979 and just the third time since Wake Forest's 1970 ACC Championship team; and

**WHEREAS**, the community helped Truist Field host its first back-to-back sellouts (Duke on Oct. 30; NC State on Nov. 13) since 2006 and achieved the seventh-largest increase in attendance rate among 65 Power 5 schools and the second largest in the Atlantic Coast Conference; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 175,000 fans attended the Demon Deacons six home games in the fall of 2021, averaging 28,721 per contest, including record Wake Forest student total attendance of 20,305 an average of 3,384 per contest, nearly 70% of Wake Forest's undergraduate enrollment; and

**WHEREAS**, our local Power 5 football program is one of two ACC schools to rank inside of the top four in win totals over a two-year, three-year, four-year, five-year and six-year period, respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, the Deacs head coach Dave Clawson was named the ACC Coach of the Year and, a program-record 15 Wake Forest football players earned All-Atlantic Coast Conference honors. This marks the fifth-consecutive season the Demon Deacons have had seven or more players make the All-ACC teams and the second time in the last three seasons the Deacs have set a new school record for All-ACC performers. Overall, the Deacs' 36 All-ACC honors over the last three seasons rank second in the ACC Atlantic; and

**WHEREAS**, head coach Dave Clawson garnered multiple accolades and is now the only active Power 5 head coach in the country to win double-digit games in a single season at four different Division I institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Deacons offensive coordinator Warren Ruggiero, who led quarterback Sam Hartman and the nation's most explosive offense, was named a finalist for the Broyles Award, which is awarded to the country's top assistant coach; and

**WHEREAS**, left tackle Zach Tom, who was an All-American and All-ACC performer on the field, garnered the ACC's Jim Tatum Award and was a finalist for the William V. Campbell Trophy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem, do hereby commend and congratulate the Wake Forest University's 2021 Football Team and wish the team many more years of exceptional football playing.