



City of Winston-Salem

Proclamation

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

- WHEREAS:** Winston-Salem State University was originally founded as Slater Industrial Academy on September 28, 1892, by Simon Green Atkins as an institution where every student would meet the challenges of the day equipped with an education designed to intellectually prepare the “head, hand, and heart”; and
- WHEREAS:** Winston-Salem State University was the first Historically Black College and University in the nation to grant degrees for teaching the elementary grades and has a longstanding tradition for producing talented graduates in the fields of Nursing and Health Sciences; and
- WHEREAS:** Winston-Salem native Bonita J. Brown was officially elected by the University of North Carolina Board of Governors and appointed as the 14th Chancellor and first female leader of Winston-Salem State University, effective July 1st of this year; and
- WHEREAS:** Winston-Salem State University has produced over 30,000 alumni who embody the spirit of the university motto “Enter to Learn, Depart to Serve” and who reside in the Triad, across the State of North Carolina and around the globe; and
- WHEREAS:** Winston-Salem State University is a Regional Comprehensive University with an annual economic impact of more than \$500 million on the Piedmont Triad region and serves as a driver for economic and workforce development for the City of Winston-Salem and beyond; and
- WHEREAS:** Winston-Salem State University has been recognized by multiple national media outlets as the #1 university in North Carolina for economic and social mobility for its students; and
- WHEREAS:** The City of Winston-Salem recognizes and celebrates the significant achievements of Winston-Salem State University, and its substantial positive influence on the local community, in the past, presently, and in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. ALLEN JOINES, Mayor of the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Friday, September 27, 2024, as

WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY DAY

Given under my hand and seal this 16th day of September, 2024.

J. ALLEN JOINES

Mayor