

**RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 100th BIRTHDAY
AND LIFE OF VIRGINIA NEWELL**

WHEREAS, Dr. Virginia Kimbrough Newell was born in Winston-Salem, North Carolina to the late William and Dinah Kimbrough on October 7, 1917; and

WHEREAS, she was married to George Newell and from their 43 years of marriage, they were blessed with two daughters: Dr. Virginia Newell-Banks, and Dr. Glenda Newell-Harris, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Newell was a Winston Salem State University Professor Emeritus of Mathematics and Chairman of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. She is credited with developing the Computer Science Program, and retired in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Newell is a graduate of Atkins High School, received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Mathematics from Talladega College, a Masters Degree from New York University, and a Doctor of Education from the University of Sarasota, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Newell was elected as one of the first African American female members of the Winston Salem City Council for the East Ward and chaired the Finance Committee. She served tirelessly and un-dauntingly for 16 years and was a champion for fair housing, racial equality, and economic justice; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Newell is also credited with founding the YWCA's Best Choice Center, an academically focused program providing after-school care and summer camps for children of low-income families. She advocated for and led the effort to build the East Winston Shopping Center. She along with other Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority members developed and built Ivy Arms Apartments and Community Center. In addition, her years of leadership in the American Association for University Women helped shape the lives of generations of women leaders. She is recognized as a Platinum member of the Winston Salem Chapter of the Links where she focused on voter registration. For over 50 years she has been an advocate for policies that advanced social justice, equality, and education for her community, especially women and girls.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem, do hereby recognize and celebrate all the blessings God has bestowed upon Dr. Virginia Kimbrough Newell and congratulate her in celebration of her 100th Birthday.