

RESOLUTION HONORING WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S GOLF TEAM 2023 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

WHEREAS, the Wake Forest women's golf team won a program-record five regular-season team titles, and the Demon Deacons were crowned as the 2023 National Champions following their match play win over University of Southern California on May 24, 2023, at Grayhawk Golf Club in Scottsdale, Arizona, and

WHEREAS, the 2023 national title marked the first in Wake Forest women's golf program history and the sixth Demon Deacons program to win an NCAA championship and the first since men's tennis in 2018. Additionally, it was the Demon Deacons 10th overall NCAA team championship, making WFU one of only seven institutions in the ACC to achieve that milestone, and

WHEREAS, Wake Forest's women's golf head coach Kim Lewellen was named the Women's Golf Coaches Association (WGCA) National Coach of the Year, for the second time in the last four years (2019). Coach Lewellen became the 15th national coach of the year in Wake Forest's tradition-rich history with 11 of those honorees coming this century, and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of winning the NCAA title, seniors Rachel Kuehn and Lauren Walsh each earned First Team All-America status, while sophomore Carolina Chacarra earned Second Team accolades and graduate Emilia Migliaccio capped off her five-year career with Honorable Mention honors. The 2022-23 season was the first time since 2019-20 that Wake had four women's golfers earn All-America honors, and

WHEREAS, senior Rachel Kuehn became the first player in program history to be a two-time ACC Player of the Year, as was announced by the Atlantic Coast Conference in May 2023. She led the team with a 70.34 stroke average, which is the lowest single-season tally in program history. Kuehn also won two individual titles and was a finalist for the ANNIKA Award presented by Stifel. For her efforts, Kuehn was selected to the 2023 Arnold Palmer Cup team and represented the United States at the 2023 World Amateur Team Championships in Abu Dhabi, and

WHEREAS, five student-athletes earned the recognition of All-ACC at the conclusion of the 2023 ACC Championships in Greensboro, Rachel Kuehn, Emilia Migliaccio, Lauren Walsh, Carolina Chacarra and Mimi Rhodes became the first quintet in the storied history of Demon Deacons women's golf to all earn that distinction in the same season, and

WHEREAS, the Wake Forest's women's golf team accomplished a great deal off the course as well as four were named WGCA All-America Scholar honors. Additionally, Rachel Kuehn was a 2023 graduate with her bachelor's degree in Business and Enterprise Management, Emilia Migliaccio earned her master's degree in communications after completing her undergraduate degree in Journalism in 2021, Lauren Walsh graduated in May 2023 with her bachelor's degree in Mathematical Business and made her LPGA debut six weeks later.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of Winston-Salem do hereby recognize the Wake Forest University Women's Golf Team for the 2023 National Championship and applaud both the students and coaches for their historic wins during the 2022-2023 season.