

RESOLUTION HONORING INTERIM CITY MANAGER JOHNNIE TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Johnnie Taylor has served the citizens of the City of Winston Salem since June 8, 1992; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor joined the city staff as a traffic maintenance worker, moving up in the organization every few years to begin his leadership roles as Traffic Maintenance Supervisor in April of 2003, Sanitation Director in November of 2005, Operations Director in July 2017, and Assistant City Manager in July 2021; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor was appointed Interim City Manager on June 16, 2023, and has diligently and capably served in this capacity for the past two months; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor was the first Operations Director, where he focused on making sure the community was getting the best service possible from the City of Winston-Salem; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor was promoted to Assistant City Manager in 2021 and oversees the central warehouse, employee safety, fleet services, human resources, information systems, operations, recreation and parks, sanitation, sustainability, vegetation management, and the property and facilities departments; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor holds an associate degree in computer science and a bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in engineering management, both from Salem University in West Virginia, and successfully completed the Public Executive Leadership Academy and the Municipal Administration Program at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Government; and

WHEREAS, during Mr. Taylor's career with the City of Winston-Salem the following city facilities were completed under his leadership; Joycelyn V. Johnson Municipal Services Center and The Kimberley Park Hydroponic Farm; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 Mr. Taylor was awarded the employee excellence award in the leadership category as sanitation director; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor set gold standard for customer service; identified up and coming talent; implemented innovative service delivery strategies; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor has been a dedicated, loyal employee for the City of Winston-Salem and over his career he has taken each resident request with the utmost concern and care. The residents could depend on Mr. Taylor to resolve their concern and treat each one as a valued human being.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem hereby honor Mr. Johnnie Taylor and express their deepest gratitude for his years of dedicated service to the citizens of Winston-Salem.