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## **RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 2019 CAROLINA THUNDERBIRDS**

*WHEREAS, the Carolina Thunderbirds, in a partnership with the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds Annex, were officially created as a team in 2016 as a part of the Federal Hockey League; and*

*WHEREAS, the Carolina Thunderbirds played in their first ever game in October 2017, and held their first ever home game in November 2017; and*

*WHEREAS, the Carolina Thunderbirds played in the Commissioner's Cup Finals against the Elmira Enforcers in a best of five game series; and*

*WHEREAS, the Carolina Thunderbirds won Game 4 in overtime to take the Commissioner's Cup Title, which has not been in Winston-Salem for over 30 years; and*

*WHEREAS, the Carolina Thunderbirds had 13 sellout crowds, averaging over 2750 spectators per game; and*

*WHEREAS, the Carolina Thunderbirds had a phenomenal season which included a 24 game winning streak; and*

*WHEREAS, the Carolina Thunderbirds broke all team records and had an unprecedented 70 wins; and*

*WHEREAS, the Carolina Thunderbirds were honored and congratulated during a NBC sports network televised NHL hockey playoff game; and*

*WHEREAS, the Twin Arch Lights on US Highway 52 at Research Parkway will glow red, white, black, and gold in recognition of the Carolina Thunderbirds from May 7, 2019 through May 31, 2019.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem, do hereby commend and congratulate the Carolina Thunderbirds on their Commissioner's Cup Championship, and wish the team many more years of exceptional hockey playing.*