

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY LADY  
RAMS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR A HISTORIC 2025-2026 SEASON**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Winston-Salem takes pride in recognizing collegiate athletics as a powerful driver of leadership development, community engagement and economic impact, contributing to the overall vitality and growth of the city; and

**WHEREAS**, the Winston-Salem State University Lady Rams basketball team completed a historic 28-4 season, highlighted by a perfect 13-0 home record, winning the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Tournament title for the first time in program history; and

**WHEREAS**, under the leadership of Head Coach Tierra Terry, with Assistant Coaches Jessica Freeman and Dylan Anderson, the Lady Rams earning their first NCAA Division II Women’s Basketball Tournament Sweet 16 appearance as a No. 3 seed for the first time in program history, demonstrating exceptional competitive performance on a national stage; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lady Rams concluded the season ranked 13 nationally, with Head Coach Tierra Terry earning both CIAA Coach of the Year honors and the Clarence “Big House” Gaines Coach of the Year award by the National Sports Media Association, and student-athlete Breonna Roaf being named CIAA Rookie of the Year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lady Rams also excelled academically and in service, with 13 student-athletes named to the CIAA Commissioner’s Honor Roll for maintaining a minimum 3.0 grade point average, while also engaging in community initiatives such as the YMCA of Northwest North Carolina’s annual Mistletoe Run and reading to students at Ward Elementary School; and

**WHEREAS**, these achievements were accomplished under the leadership of Chancellor Bonita J. Brown, Winston-Salem State University’s 14th chancellor, whose commitment to excellence continues to elevate the university’s impact in the city of Winston-Salem, the region and the state of North Carolina.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem, do hereby proclaim April 20, 2026, as

**“WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY LADY RAMS DAY”**

in the City of Winston-Salem and encourage all residents to join in recognizing and celebrating the remarkable achievements of the Lady Rams Basketball Team and their contributions to our community.