RESOLUTION HONORING GAYLE N. ANDERSON FOR LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION TO THE CITIZENS OF WINSTON-SALEM

WHEREAS, Gayle N. Anderson has served the local business community for nearly three decades during her tenure with the Greater Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, she has led the organization's efforts as the President and CEO since 1996 with a passion for supporting small businesses, creating jobs and expanding economic opportunities for everyone in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County; and

WHEREAS, her accomplishments include promoting small businesses through the Chamber's Keep it Local initiative, creating the first Chamber Technology Council in the nation, and developing a program to promote volunteerism in the schools through the nation's first such contract between a Chamber of Commerce and a local school system; and

WHEREAS, she has been an instrumental leader in shaping the city's progress from a manufacturing-based economy to an innovative and diverse tech center, including being central to the community's efforts to develop the Wake Forest Innovation Quarter, formerly the Piedmont Triad Research Park; and

WHEREAS, she has also championed key projects such as the I-74 Northern Beltway, Salem Parkway, and Business 40 reconstruction, which will allow the city to continue to grow and accommodate the commerce of the future; and

WHEREAS, she has served on numerous City, County, and not-for-profit boards, and most recently served on the 2014 Forward Together Winston-Salem Citizens' Bond Committee as well as the 2017 Winston-Salem Citizens' Capital Needs Committee.

NOW, **THEREFORE**, **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem do hereby honor and recognize Gayle N. Anderson for her vision, her leadership, and her dedication to the Winston-Salem business community, and her commitment to the well-being of all of its citizens.