

RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF THE LATE MARY HINES GRIFFIN

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2022, this community lost one of its outstanding community leaders with the passing of the late Mary Hines Griffin;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Griffin was born in High Point, NC on December 12, 1935; graduated from William Penn High School; earned a Bachelor's of Science (B.S.) degree in History Education; a Master's of Science (M.S.) degree in History from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (NC A&T).; and a M.S. degree in Vocational Education from North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC;

WHEREAS, she was a Special Education instructor in Alamance County at Western Alamance High School; and a Vocational Special Needs/Industrial Education Coordinator at Southeast High School in Guilford County; after retirement, she continued to work as a consultant to the Special Needs Division, NC Department of Instruction; and also volunteered in reading programs for elementary school-aged children;

WHEREAS, with 46 consecutive years of membership, Mrs. Griffin earned Silver Star status in the Beta Iota Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) Sorority; served as the chapter's scholarship chairperson; worked on the annual cotillion; and dedicated several years to being a graduate advisor to NC A&T State University, Bennett College, and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Griffin received copious awards during her tenure as an educator and counselor within the Guilford County school system; assisted in the collection of over 1 million books to be shipped to South Africa; received the Leah Kay Frazier Award, the highest AKA Sorority honor for "Service with a Global Perspective";

WHEREAS, Mrs. Griffin was deeply devoted to religious, social, and educational programs; as demonstrated by her commitment and leadership within the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Zion church; participation in the Sanctuary Choir, the Usher Board, and the Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society; she was influential in leadership roles such as Youth Director, Advisor to the Teenage Missionary Society (TAMS), Sunday School Teacher, and Director of Christian Education;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Griffin, with other church historians, organized the writing and publishing of the first history book of the 100 churches in the West Central North Carolina AME Zion Conference, which is on file at the Library of Congress; established a subsidiary of the Department of Christian Education, which raised thousands of dollars for the Dr. Frank White Scholarship; and helped appoint AME church positions within both the Greensboro District and the Western Central North Carolina Conference;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Griffin served a variety of professional and civic organizations, including; the North Carolina Association of Educators; the North Carolina Vocational Association; the Board of Directors and President of the North Carolina Vocational Advisor Counsel; a lifetime member

of Jack and Jill of America; Mid-Atlantic Regional Associates Chairperson; and charter member of Top Ladies of Distinction, Guilford County Chapter; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

1. That the City Council wishes to express its sense of loss and offer its condolences, sincere appreciation, and gratitude for the many years of unwavering public service by Mrs. Mary Hines Griffin. The legacy she leaves continues to reverberate throughout the communities of Greensboro.
2. That a copy of this resolution shall be delivered to the family of the late Mrs. Mary Hines Griffin as a symbol of the gratitude of the residents of the City of Greensboro and the members of the AME Church for her contributions locally and nationally.