

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 81ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONFERENCE OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR
THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro is proud to honor and recognize The North Carolina State Conference of the NAACP, a civil rights organization that has tirelessly fought against racial and political inequalities, injustices, and inequities for over 80 years;

WHEREAS, the NAACP was founded on the centennial of President Abraham Lincoln's birth, February 12, 1909, in response to the 1908 Springfield, Missouri race riot; it is currently the largest and most widely recognized civil rights organization in the nation, with chapters and conferences across America and is dedicated to human rights and social justice for all;

WHEREAS, in 1917, the first three North Carolina chapters of the NAACP were established; in 1943, the North Carolina State Conference of the NAACP was founded in Charlotte, NC with the help of Kelly Alexander, Sr. who had joined the NAACP in 1938; Mr. Alexander later served as the State Conference's President 1948-1984; under his leadership, the North Carolina State Conference was the largest NAACP affiliate in the nation;

WHEREAS, Ella Baker, a Halifax County native, was instrumental in the growth of the NAACP during her role as National Director; and today, the State Conference is comprised of over 80 counties and cities across North Carolina;

WHEREAS, the North Carolina State Conference of the NAACP continues to fight against pay disparity, racism, segregation, and political discrimination; and ensuring equality for all persons, particularly those of color;

WHEREAS, current President Deborah Maxwell, the North Carolina State Conference's first female President, follows in the steps of her predecessors, including Reverend William Barber and Guilford County Board of Commissioners Chairman, Skip Alston, to achieve equity, political rights, and social inclusion by advancing policies and practices that expand human and civil rights, eliminate discrimination, and accelerate the well-being, education, and economic security of Black people and all persons of color;

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro, NC is humbled to host the North Carolina State Conference of the NAACP's Annual Convention, September 26-28, 2024, celebrating 81 years of social justice; and

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

1. That it hereby recognizes the hard work, accomplishments, and achievements of and by the North Carolina State Conference of the NAACP; and
2. That the Greensboro City Council and the residents of Greensboro join in congratulating the organization for 81 years of success, and recognizing its members for their efforts.