## Office of the Mayor City of High Point North Carolina **Proclamation...**

- WHEREAS, people with a developmental disability are of all economic, social, educational, racial and ethnic backgrounds, and all are valued members of society who find fulfillment living everyday lives; and
- WHEREAS, approximately 7,500 residents of High Point have intellectual or other developmental disabilities; and the most effective way to change attitudes and beliefs about the abilities of individuals with developmental disabilities is through everyone's work and active participation in community activities and the openness to learn and acknowledge each individual's contribution; and
- WHEREAS, all residents should promote both the expectations and opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities to participate fully in our community, including access to integrated employment, education, housing, and civic engagement; and
- WHEREAS, the City of High Point recognize and commemorate the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Public Law 99 483 being enacted by Congress in 1987, which designated the month of March as "National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month"; and
- **WHEREAS,** the High Point community strives for equal opportunity, economic self-sufficiency and independent living for all of its citizens.
- NOW THEREFORE, I, Jay W. Wagner, Mayor of High Point, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March, 2022, as "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month" in the City of High Point and commend its observance to all residents.

## **IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be

affixed the Seal of the City of High Point, North Carolina this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2022.

Jay W. Wagner, Mayor