

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

WHEREAS, Abay Gidey was born in Mekell, Tigray, Ethiopia on September 27, 1967, as the fourth child of Lemlem Gebrezgie and the late Gidey Mengistie; and

WHEREAS, after immigrating to the United States in 1989 amidst the tumultuous Ethiopian Civil War, Abay earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from North Carolina A&T State University in 1996 and his United States Citizenship in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Abay was a loyal and expert colleague first for Winston-Salem's Carter G. Woodson School as their I.T. Director, where he laid the foundation for their entire computer network, and then, for the next 23 years, for National General Insurance as a Systems Engineer; and

WHEREAS, Abay served for nine years on the City of High Point's Human Relations Commission, being appointed in 2006 by the High Point City Council and serving as the first Commissioner from the City's vibrant Ethiopian community; and

WHEREAS, Abay, who passed away on March 30, 2022, was a loving husband to Genea Dudley Gidey and a caring mentor who was cherished by his family, church, friends, and soccer teammates;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jay W. Wagner, Mayor of High Point, North Carolina, do hereby commend Mr. Abay Gidey for his years of dedicated service to the City of High Point, and recognize his devotion to his family and his fellow 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 2nd day of May, 2022.

Jay W. Wagner, Mayor