

Office of the Mayor
City of High Point
North Carolina

PROCLAMATION...

WHEREAS, the High Point Fire Department was officially organized in the year 1890 with a volunteer membership, which was the beginning of a long tradition of service to this City; and,

WHEREAS, the first “paid” firefighters for the City operated from “Mrs. Fuller’s Property” located on Trade Street, which was also the location where the fire horse was kept and cared for. From the first paid firefighters operating as “bucket brigade” out of a dwelling, the Fire Department has progressed to a department consisting of 234 employees, operating out of 14 separate fire stations throughout the City; and,

WHEREAS, in 1915, the first motorized fire apparatus was purchased, a Studebaker Hose Wagon, and from that point, the High Point Fire Department continued to grow and expand. There are now 82 pieces of fire apparatus, vehicles and equipment; and,

WHEREAS, in May 2015 the High Point Fire Department received a Class 1 rating from the Insurance Services Office (ISO) Public Protection Classification program. An ISO Class 1 rating is the highest possible rating, a distinction that only 97 of more than 48,000 Fire Departments in the United States have earned; and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the High Point City Council to recognize the High Point Fire Department for 125 years of dedicated service to our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William S. Bencini, Jr., Mayor of the High Point, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2015 as

HIGH POINT FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTH

in the City of High Point.



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 5TH day of October 2015.

William S. Bencini, Jr.

William S. Bencini, Jr., Mayor