Office of the Mayor City of High Point North Carolina

Resolution...

- WHEREAS, Reverend Thomas J. Spann founded the Brooklyn All-star Singers in 1950, and over the years has made thirty albums with three hundred songs including both gold and platinum albums; and,
- WHEREAS, the Brooklyn All-Star's have been inducted into both the International and National Gospel Music Hall of Fame; and,
- WHEREAS, Reverend Spann has traveled the world for seventy-one years singing the gospel. He has performed in every state in the United States as well as many European countries, including Portugal, Italy, Spain, Germany and Switzerland, and still travels 200 days a year performing; and,
- **WHEREAS**, Reverend Spann has performed in the Apollo, Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center; and,
- WHEREAS, Reverend Spann has been a friend and mentor to many young singers and lives by the words found in Luke 6:30 where Jesus said: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you"; and,
- WHEREAS, Reverend Spann has been a resident of High Point for thirty years and will celebrate his ninety-first birthday on Friday, February 5, 2016.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and the High Point City Council that a copy of this Resolution be presented to Reverend Thomas J. Spann to thank you for your contributions to the gospel music industry and for touching the lives of so many through music, friendship and service. The City of High Point is honored to have you call High Point as home; and we hereby proclaim Friday, February 5th, 2016 as "*Thomas J. Spann Day*" in the City of High Point.

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WITNESS my hand and the Corporate Seal of the City of High Point, North Carolina, this the 1st day of February, 2016.

William S. Bencini, Jr., Mayor