

Office of the Mayor  
City of High Point  
North Carolina

# RESOLUTION...

**WHEREAS,** The City of High Point was blessed to have Billy Ray Quick as dedicated employee in the Parks and Recreation Department since 1992; and,

**WHEREAS,** Billy was a remarkable individual with a voracious appetite for life. He was a national celebrity, a virtual rock star in the Special Olympics community. Billy ran marathons, cycled across the country and carried the torch, both literally and figuratively, as an ambassador for the disabled community; and,

**WHEREAS,** Billy joined the World T.E.A.M. (The Exceptional Athlete Matters) Sports, as part of the first U.S. team to participate in Cuba's Havana Marathon. He carried the torch for torch runs prior to Special Olympics competitions and he went to Greece in 1999 to watch the lighting of the torch prior to Special Olympics World Summer Games. When the torch arrived in Washington, DC, he was there to receive it and carry it to the Lincoln Memorial; and,

**WHEREAS,** Billy was an International, National and local hero. He always wanted to be the best he could be. He had a bright, infectious smile as well as a laid-back, disarming personality, which effortlessly bridged the gap between the developmentally disabled and those who desperately need such a bridge; and,

**WHEREAS,** on Friday, November 25, 2016, our community lost this most incredible young man who made such a lasting impression on so many lives in the High Point community, State of North Carolina and across the nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of High Point, that we present this **RESOLUTION** to Billy Ray Quick's family to express our deepest sympathy on his passing, and we remember him as a true ambassador for the City of High Point, NC.



**WITNESS** my hand and the Corporate Seal of the City of High Point, this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

*William S. Bencini, Jr.*

William S. Bencini, Jr., Mayor