

Office of the Mayor  
City of High Point  
North Carolina

# Resolution...

**WHEREAS,** Community Gardens in the City of High Point have seen a substantial increase within the past five years thanks to the initiative of community minded citizens; and,

**WHEREAS,** Community Gardens assist in reducing crime by fostering a sense of belonging and attachment, in both the lives of the gardeners and in the life of the neighborhood; and,

**WHEREAS,** Community Gardens teach youth life skills through gardening, to be self-sufficient by providing healthy food and promoting healthy lifestyles in which families celebrate growing, cooking and eating together; and,

**WHEREAS,** Community Gardens provide thousands of pounds of produce used to stock local pantries with fresh produce in addition to providing the elderly with fresh produce at their door step; and,

**WHEREAS,** Community Garden Leaders act as ambassadors to other gardeners, neighbors and visitors of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to create unity. They empower individuals to use their own unique gifts and skills to participate in the garden in meaningful ways, utilizing differences to create a stronger sense of community; and,

**WHEREAS,** Community Gardens honor diverse viewpoints, valuing the strengths of each gardener, bridging differences, promoting understanding and developing respect through the unifying act of gardening together; and,

**WHEREAS,** Community Gardens help combat food insecurity within the neighborhoods by involving those with various knowledge in gardening and promoting sustainable practices including composting and water conservation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that it is the desire of the Mayor and High Point City Council to present this resolution to all the Community Gardens within the City of High Point in appreciation for their tireless devotion and service and to declare the week of June 24- July 1<sup>st</sup> as Community Garden Week.



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 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.

*William S. Bencini, Jr.*

William S. Bencini, Jr., Mayor