

Office of the Mayor  
City of High Point  
North Carolina

## RESOLUTION...

**WHEREAS,** the City of High Point has made strong progress toward food security and improved educational resources for all residents; and,

**WHEREAS,** High Point University is committed to the welfare of the City and HPU students under the leadership of Dr. Nido R. Qubein have volunteered over one million hours of service to the City of High Point; and,

**WHEREAS,** since 2013 High Point University has partnered with the Federal AmeriCorps VISTA Program so recent HPU graduates could each serve 2,000 hours in High Point over the course of a year to improve food security or education; and,

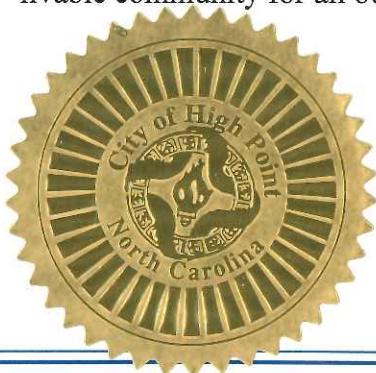
**WHEREAS,** High Point University provides free housing, meals, leadership, and other resources so the VISTAs can be successful in the work they do; and,

**WHEREAS,** this year High Point University expanded its VISTA Program and the nine new VISTAs will work with schools, like High Point Central, Fairview Elementary, Northwood Elementary, and Kirkman Park Elementary, and they will work with non-profits, like West End Ministries, the Hayden-Harman Foundation, the Greater High Point Food Alliance, D-UP, and Mt. Zion Baptist Church; and,

**WHEREAS,** the City aims to attract more young professionals to live, work, play, and serve here, and these nine young professionals could have gone anywhere after completing their HPU degree, but they chose to make High Point their home; and,

**WHEREAS,** this City Council would like to encourage residents of High Point to welcome the VISTAs into our community, get involved in their projects, and help them to find ways to make a living in our City after they complete their year of service.

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED,** that the High Point City Council commends and supports the nine AmeriCorps VISTAs, sponsored by High Point University, for their sacrifice, their service to the City, and all of the gifts and skills they will bring to their work. High Point will be a stronger City because of their dedication, service, and passion. Together we will make High Point a vibrant and livable community for all our residents and visitors.



**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 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2017.

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**William S. Bencini, Jr., Mayor**