

Office of the Mayor
City of High Point
North Carolina

Proclamation...

WHEREAS, Pedro Silva was born in the High Azores of Portugal and relocated to the United States with his parents at the age of two. He attended Amherst College, where he developed his passion for theatre and the stage; and,

WHEREAS, High Point was first introduced to Pedro's performances at the High Point Theatre, when he performed in the 1977 inaugural season of the North Carolina Shakespeare Festival; and,

WHEREAS, for most of the next 37 years, Pedro played many roles in theatre which included actor, director, manager, fundraiser, executive director, producer and visionary leader; and,

WHEREAS, advancing from an acting member of the High Point Shakespeare Festival, Pedro became the assistant manager and began directing productions and introduced the Festival's touring and education outreach programs, and eventually became the Festival's primary administrator; and,

WHEREAS, Pedro led the High Point Shakespeare Festival to perform and serve year-round, in High Point, Greensboro and Winston Salem, statewide and around the Southeast, in schools, colleges and civic auditoriums; and,

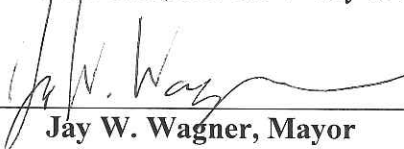
WHEREAS, Pedro led the High Point Shakespeare Festival's necessary relocation of administration, rehearsal space, costume and properties shops, and small performance spaces from the former High Point Enterprise Building on Main Street to the former Highland Mill building and eventually to the Spirit Center at Green Drive and Ward Avenue; and,

WHEREAS, Pedro established the High Point Shakespeare Festival's annual production of "*A Christmas Carol*" which became a cherished tradition in the community, and was producer, director and played the role as Scrooge.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jay W. Wagner, Mayor of the City of High Point, do hereby present this Proclamation to Pedro Silva in appreciation for his dedication to the citizens of High Point and the State of North Carolina through his lifetime commitment to the theatrical arts.



WITNESS my hand and the Corporate Seal of the City of High Point, North Carolina, this the 4th day of February 2019.


Jay W. Wagner, Mayor