

Office of the Mayor
City of High Point
North Carolina

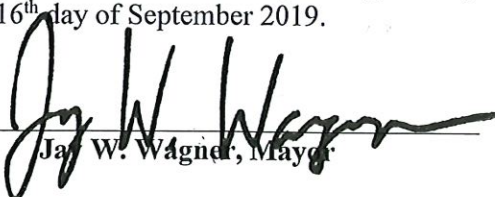
PROCLAMATION...

- WHEREAS,** on the 110th anniversary of the establishment of the High Point Lodge #1155 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, we celebrate our High Point Elks Lodge's commitment to selflessly serving others in need in our great community; and,
- WHEREAS,** chartered in High Point on July 15, 1909, with the purchase of a three story house on Broad Street that faced the downtown tracks; and,
- WHEREAS,** moved to a building that still stands at the corner of Elm Street and Kivett Drive and in 1980 established the current Lodge building at 700 Old Mill Road; and
- WHEREAS,** the High Point Lodge has grown to over 500 members and is the fourth largest Elks Lodge out of the 33 Lodges which totals over 9,000 members in the state of North Carolina; and
- WHEREAS,** dedicated to charity, justice, fidelity and patriotism, the High Point Elks have disbursed, over the course of their Lodge's history, more than \$900,000 in cash, goods and services to our local Veterans, the disadvantaged and handicapped, and patriotic and civic programs; and,
- WHEREAS,** in just the last five years High Point Elks members have volunteered over 6,000 hours helping our community.
- WHEREAS,** the High Point Elks Lodge has specifically contributed to our local community through: programs for building strong communities; donations to local nonprofit organizations and schools, programs for our veterans and homeless, Drug Awareness Program activities; and support of Camp Carefree in Stokesdale NC; and,
- WHEREAS,** sponsoring local programs for our Youth, including our Annual Hoop Shoot Contest, our Antlers program for our aspiring future Elks and our competitive youth swim team; and,
- WHEREAS,** providing financial opportunities for our Elk families, through our Legacy and Nursing Scholarships and Emergency Assistance Fund for college bound students; and,
- WHEREAS,** we are proud our High Point Elks Lodge had the first State President of the North Carolina State Elks Associates, J.C. Smith in 1939; and,
- WHEREAS,** High Point has had four other State Presidents, including in 2019 our current State President Shari Driscoll, who is the first female President of the State Association; and,
- WHEREAS,** our High Point Elks are committed to future investments through our volunteerism, financial support and unending commitment to our Veterans and Youth of our community; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay W. Wagner, Mayor of the City of High Point, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2019 as "*The High Point Elks Lodge 110th Anniversary Day*" in the City of High Point, North Carolina.



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 16th day of September 2019.


Jay W. Wagner, Mayor