

RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE LATE
LARSINA MICHELLE JOHNSON

WHEREAS, on November 26, 2020, this community lost one of its outstanding community leaders with the passing of the late Larsina Michelle Johnson;

WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson, affectionately known as “Missy” by her family and close friends, was born in Rockingham County, North Carolina on October 9, 1970;

WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson graduated from Rockingham County High School and being a lover of knowledge throughout her life, pursued further education at Rockingham Community College, Gardner-Webb College, Greensboro College and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro;

WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson lived a life of service to humanity; enjoyed a lifelong passion for singing; was a chorus member in high school; and was a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church;

WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson served Greensboro Urban Ministry as a Guidance Counselor; and retired from the North Carolina Industries of the Blind;

WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson lived a tireless life of advocacy in both Greensboro and throughout the state of North Carolina; was a mentor, counselor, advisor and event organizer; served on several organizations for the handicapped and disabled; was a member of the National Federation of the Blind, Guilford County Chapter, where she served as both Vice President and President; and was instrumental in bringing the North Carolina National Federation of the Blind Convention to Greensboro;

WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson was a member of the Greensboro Transit Authority (GTA) Riders Advisory Committee (RAC); held offices of Chairperson, Vice President and President of the RAC; served on the Greensboro Transit Authority Steering Committee for Equitable Paratransit Fares; served on the Specialized Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) for a number of years; served on the Greensboro Mayor’s Committee for Persons with Disabilities (GMCPD); was an integral part of the City-sponsored mediation to bring GTA leadership and community advocates to common ground; and frequented Greensboro City Council meetings as an advocate regarding equitable policies and fares for handicapped and disabled riders;

WHEREAS, in honor of her dedicated service and advocacy, the Greensboro Transit Authority Riders Advisory Committee was renamed The Larsina Johnson Memorial Riders Advisory Committee on December 8, 2020; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

1. That the City Council wishes to express its sense of loss and offer its condolences, sincere appreciation and gratitude for the many years of dedicated public service by Larsina Michelle Johnson. The legacy she leaves will be remembered by the people of Greensboro.

2. That a copy of this resolution shall be delivered to the family of the late Larsina Michelle Johnson as a symbol of the gratitude of the citizens of the City of Greensboro and the State of North Carolina for her many contributions to this community and beyond.