

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER (FJC)

WHEREAS, the Guilford County Family Justice Center (FJC) opened June 15, 2015, with a mission to empower family violence victims to live free from violence and abuse, and hold offenders accountable by providing easily accessible, coordinated, and comprehensive services in a single location;

WHEREAS, FJC is a “one stop shop” for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and elder abuse that incorporates over 100 professionals from 18 different disciplines who work together to provide consolidated and coordinated safety, legal, social, and health services to those in need;

WHEREAS, through FJC, survivors have access to a wide range of supportive resources such as victim advocacy; filing a restraining order; civil and criminal legal support; law enforcement follow-up; medical care; counseling; and assistance accessing shelter as well as other community resources;

WHEREAS, the success of impact of FJC is rooted in partnerships, and through its work and services there has been an 88% decrease in the number of domestic violence related homicides in 2018 compared to 2013; and there have been no homicides associated with the victims who have sought services from the FJC;

WHEREAS, some of the key accomplishments over the past four years include, but are not limited to, the following: service to over 25,000 individuals and families, opening a second location in High Point, increased access to emergency legal assistance, enhanced training to professionals to improve response to high-risk for lethality cases of abuse, community outreach to over 15,000 citizens, nationally recognized programming focused on reducing child trauma and elder abuse, and implementing successful collaboration focused on providing pathways to hope and healing and breaking the generational cycles of violence and abuse;

WHEREAS, the City Council commends FJC for their work and contributions to the City of Greensboro and to Guilford County.

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

That it hereby recognizes the Guilford County Family Justice Center on its fourth anniversary and extends appreciation for the contributions FJC has made to the community over the past three years.