

RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE LATE STEPHEN D. HYERS,
AND APPROVING RENAMING REQUEST FOR THE CITY ARTS STUDIO THEATER

WHEREAS, the late Stephen D. Hyers was employed by the City of Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department from 1990 through 2014, serving in several capacities within the City Arts Drama Center, most recently as the Director of the Drama Center; and

WHEREAS, many of the accomplishments of the City Arts Drama Center resulted from Hyers' creativity, dedication, and leadership, including the creation of the Greensboro Playwrights Forum and numerous unique production series which provided a forum for theater artists of all levels throughout the years including *The New Play Project*, *Evening of Short Plays*, and *Shakespeare in the Park*; and

WHEREAS, Hyers tirelessly brought both theater arts and drama to the greater Greensboro community not only through his work with the City of Greensboro but also through a variety of additional volunteer and paid roles with area agencies and associations, including service as a playwright and stage combat instructor at NC A&T State University, Elon University, and Wesleyan Christian Academy; as well as a volunteer with Guilford County Schools; and

WHEREAS, Hyers received recognition as president of the Carolina Theater Conference from 2002-2004 and further served his profession as a workshop leader at numerous state and regional theater conferences; and

WHEREAS; the City of Greensboro owns and operates the City Arts Studio Theater at the Greensboro Cultural Center; and

WHEREAS, the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Commission received a citizen-led petition to rename the City Arts Studio Theater as the Stephen D. Hyers Studio Theatre at its October 8, 2014 regular meeting and approved a motion to rename the studio theater as such;

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

That the request to rename the City Arts Studio Theater as the Stephen D. Hyers Studio Theatre is hereby approved.