

## RESOLUTION HONORING REVEREND MIKE AIKEN FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Reverend Mike Aiken joined Greensboro Urban Ministry nearly 30 years ago;

WHEREAS, as a junior high school student Aiken knew he would do mission work and travel the world serving the poor;

WHEREAS, as a graduate of Wake Forest University and as a divinity student at Duke University, Aiken began doing outreach work with a local church which made him realize the great need in his own backyard;

WHEREAS, prior to coming to Greensboro, Aiken served as executive director for eight years at Fayetteville Urban Ministry;

WHEREAS, in 1985 when Aiken came to Greensboro Urban Ministry the organization had a \$150,000 operating budget and served approximately 8,000 people annually;

WHEREAS, in 2014, Greensboro Urban Ministry had an operating budget of \$4.9 million and served approximately 45,000 people;

WHEREAS, the work of the ministry includes operating a food bank, providing emergency assistance, operating two shelters, and serving nearly 600 people daily for lunch at Potter's House Community Kitchen;

WHEREAS, during his tenure at Greensboro Urban Ministry Aiken has led successful capital campaigns to build the organization's West Lee Street Urban Ministry Center, Pathways Family Center, and Partnership Village which is a supportive housing community for formerly homeless men, women and families;

WHEREAS, Aiken was instrumental in establishing the organization's chaplaincy program.

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

That it hereby honors Reverend Mike Aiken for his outstanding contributions and service to the community.