

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 38TH ANNUAL POW WOW OF THE GUILFORD NATIVE
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, the Guilford Native American Association (GNAA) is a Native American community association in Guilford County, is a North Carolina State recognized Urban Indian Center, and is a United Way referral agency;

WHEREAS, since its incorporation in 1975 as a non-profit education advocacy group, the association has grown to encompass education assistance, employment, and job training and age-based community programs, and also operates the Guilford Native American Art Gallery in Greensboro;

WHEREAS, the GNAA is the oldest American Indian Urban Association in North Carolina and one of the oldest organizations of its kind in the United States;

WHEREAS, the primary goal of GNAA is to assist Indian people in achieving social and economic self-sufficiency and the association serves over 5,000 Native Americans in Guilford County and the surrounding counties;

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to more than 122,000 Native Americans which is the largest indigenous population east of the Mississippi River;

WHEREAS, one of its major events since 1976 is an annual Pow Wow and cultural festival in which this traditional gathering brings together Native Americans representing all of the recognized tribes of North Carolina and the entire southeastern United States;

WHEREAS, GNAA recently celebrated its 38th annual Pow Wow on September 18 - 20, 2015 with song, dance, drum groups, traditional Native American food, arts and crafts, and special honors distributed throughout the weekend;

WHEREAS, the Pow Wow began each day with a Flag Song and the posting of the colors as they honored all veterans and active military members in attendance.

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

That it hereby recognizes the 38th Annual Pow Wow of the Guilford Native American Association and its outstanding contributions to the Native Americans of Guilford County and to the City of Greensboro.