

## RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE FOUNDERS AND VOLUNTEERS OF COMMUNITY TABLES FOR SERVING THANKSGIVING MEALS

WHEREAS, for the past 29 years, through an initiative known as Community Tables, a total of 85,000 people throughout the region have been able to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving dinner;

WHEREAS, inspired by the late Marc Frieberg, owner of Ham's Restaurants, co-founders Mary Lacklen and Ken Conrad launched Community Tables in 1986 as an annual community project;

WHEREAS, beginning as 200 Thanksgiving meals prepared by volunteers at the Salvation Army, moving to Potter's House operated by Greensboro Urban Ministry, the production began operating out of the kitchen at the Greensboro Coliseum in 2013;

WHEREAS, separate courses for meals are handled at various locations that include Victory Junction that cooks 1,200 pounds of boneless turkey breasts and Painted Plate Catering that prepares the stuffing and gravy;

WHEREAS, through its Thanksgiving/Holiday Fund, The Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro raises approximately \$20,000 annually which allows Community Tables to purchase food to serve approximately 3,000 people;

WHEREAS, a donation in the amount of \$5 to the Thanksgiving/Holiday Fund provides for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with all of the trimmings to persons in need;

WHEREAS, approximately 300 volunteers sign up annually and take time the day before and on Thanksgiving Day to help prepare and deliver meals to people in their homes or to facilities for family style dinners, and since its inception, thousands of volunteers have had the opportunity to give back to the community;

WHEREAS, since 2012 local churches and non-profits have partnered with Community Tables to serve and deliver meals and Community Tables plans are to grow and serve more people by partnering with additional churches and organizations who wish to serve Thanksgiving dinner to families and individuals at their facilities;

WHEREAS, some of the recipients of the meals return in future years to assist with the preparation of the meals;

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to thank the founders and volunteers for dedicating their time and service to make this event a success.

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

That it wishes to recognize the founders and many volunteers of Community Tables for their work and dedication in providing Thanksgiving meals to persons in need throughout the community.