RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE FOURTH SATURDAY OF JULY AS UNITY IN COMMUNITY THROUGH DANCE: GREENSBORO DANCE DAY

WHEREAS, National Dance Day was launched in 2009 by Dizzy Feet Foundation co-president Nigel Lythgoe; encourages Americans to embrace dance as a fun and positive way to maintain good health; and takes place on the last Saturday in July;

WHEREAS, Family Law Specialist, Carolyn J. Woodruff along with instructors with Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Greensboro developed a free two-month summer dance program for youth around National Dance Day; and worked with members of The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club of Greensboro to form the 'Captain Green Eyes Dance Troupe';

WHEREAS, the program began in 2013 with approximately 35 boys and girls ages 6-12; has grown to over 103 currently; and is taught by professional dance instructors from Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Greensboro;

WHEREAS, the Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of Greensboro serves over 600 members comprised of children and youth age 6 to 18 years with over 85% of the club members residing in Greensboro Housing Communities living below the poverty level;

WHEREAS, as a result of the program, approximately 90% of club membership will experience improved academic success; and as part of the program, receive a free healthy lifestyle education program with the finale including a free field trip to the Fred Astaire Dance Studio;

WHEREAS, the 2016 event is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 23 at the Fred Astaire Dance Studios located at 1500 Mill Street;

WHEREAS, the City Council, on behalf of the citizens of Greensboro wishes to commend the dedication and work of those involved in the 'Captain Green Eyes Dance Troupe'.

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

That it hereby recognizes the fourth Saturday in July as Unity in Community Through Dance: Greensboro Dance Day.