

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 28, 2018 AS MARTIN “MARTY” DAVID SHEETS
DAY

WHEREAS, Martin “Marty” David Sheets was a longtime resident of the City of Greensboro; graduated from Ben L. Smith High School in 1972; and had a 38 year career at Macy’s Department Store;

WHEREAS, Marty began his participation in the sports arena in 1968 at the inaugural Special Olympics World Games held in Chicago where he was presented with a Gold Medal by Eunice Kennedy Shriver;

WHEREAS, during his 42 year participation in the Special Olympics as well as other sporting events, Marty was the recipient of an excess of 250 medals;

WHEREAS, in 1999, Marty was presented the Order of the Long Leaf Pine by Governor Hunt for being a good representative of the state of North Carolina;

WHEREAS, Marty was inducted into the Guilford County Sports Hall of Fame in 2012, and into the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame in 2013;

WHEREAS; for sixteen years Marty volunteered at the Wyndham Championship Golf Tournament, was named PGA Tour Volunteer of the year in 2006, and had the volunteer pavilion used for the Wyndham named in honor of him in 2014;

WHEREAS, Marty was an ordained honorary Elder at Presbyterian Church of the Covenant where a room was dedicated and renamed in his honor, and participated in many church activities;

WHEREAS, additional awards received by Marty include, but are not limited to, the Citizenship Award given by the Greensboro Association for Retarded Citizens; Winning Attitude Award from Macy’s, recipient of a plaque from Governor Hunt for representing Greensboro in sports for 25 years; sat with President Clinton during the Opening Ceremonies of the Special Olympics World Games, featured torch bearer in Greensboro for the Olympic Torch Run when the Olympics were held in Atlanta, awarded a plaque from Greensboro Mayor Allen regarding people with disabilities; recipient of the “Distinguished Citizen Award” from the North Carolina Employment Network of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services for “Outstanding Achievements in the World of Work and Public Awareness of People with Disabilities”, and recipient of the EP Maxwell Award in recognition of his competitive spirit and efforts on behalf of the disability community;

WHEREAS, Marty also appeared in television commercials and on advertisements promoting the Special Olympic Games;

WHEREAS, the City Council, on behalf of the citizens of Greensboro wishes to commend and recognize the dedication, participation, and volunteerism throughout the sports community of Martin “Marty” David Sheets.

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

That it hereby recognizes April 28th, 2018 as Marty Sheets Day in honor of his dedication, participation, and volunteerism throughout the sports community.