RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR CREATING COVID-19 FACE COVERINGS

WHEREAS, according to the South China Morning Post the first confirmed Coronavirus case, a/k/a COVID-19, has been traced back to November 2017 in China; made its way to the United States with the first confirmed case in Washington State on January 20, 2020; crossed the country with the first case in North Carolina by March 3, 2020 in Wake County; and began the devastating impact in Guilford County on March 17, 2020;

WHEREAS, the deadly disease began its attack on the City of Greensboro on March 19, 2020;

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro joined forces with Guilford County in a declaration of a State of Emergency Stay at Home Order on March 13, 2020 in an attempt to stop the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2020 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended everyone to wear face coverings when in public and social distancing was unavoidable; the CDC stated face coverings could prevent the spread of respiratory droplets when talking, sneezing, or coughing; therefore, reducing the risk of exposure to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Greensboro City Council recognizes and wishes to express gratitude and appreciation to Paige Cox of Reconsidered Goods, Joe Scott of Triad Goodwill, Angie Smits, Anne Schroth, Ann Matthews, and Laura Chabrow, who created the pattern distributed with the mask kits, for the acts of heroism, hard work, and commitment to be part of a solution in slowing the spread of the deadly virus;

WHEREAS, the Greensboro City Council recognizes the dozens of unnamed individuals who used their own supplies and pre-assembled kits, who worked diligently to meet the needs of the community in making face coverings;

WHEREAS, it to the collaboration of dozens of people putting in long hours and overcoming daunting challenges to bring the mammoth project into reality to meet the needs of the community;

WHEREAS, the face coverings were distributed locally to Guilford County Schools, hospitals, medical centers, area non-profit organizations, small businesses and individuals;

WHEREAS, the thousands of face coverings created by individuals in Greensboro have been distributed to organizations and individuals in Guilford, Forsyth, Surry, Stokes, Randolph, Davidson, Lee, Hartnett, Hoke, Richmond, Anson, Moore, Stanley, and Union counties; to Public Safety agencies in the towns, cities, and counties of Lee, Harnett, Dunne, Guilford, Randolph, Asheboro, Greensboro, Southern Pines, Wadesboro, Union, Waxhaw, Moore, Stokes, Stanley, King; to the educational institutions of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG) and North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (NC A&T); and to emergency responders in Guilford, Moore, and Montgomery counties;

WHEREAS, the face coverings continue to play a critical role in the health and well-being of the residents of the City of Greensboro and across North Carolina; and

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

That the Greensboro City Council recognizes the above named individuals and entities for the leadership, teamwork and collaboration in the planning and organization of creating face coverings for the Greensboro community and communities across the State of North Carolina.