

Item Title: Proclamation Recognizing April 2020 as the Kiwanis Club of Raleigh Centennial Anniversary Month

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners recognizes the 100th Anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Raleigh.

Item Summary:

Kiwanis International was founded as one of the nation's first service organizations in Detroit, Michigan on January 21, 1915. This organization became known as a place where professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas, form meaningful friendships and work to improve their communities.

The Kiwanis Club of Raleigh was organized on January 3, 1920 with 124 charter members and became the fifth Kiwanis club that was founded in the state of North Carolina and received its charter on April 8, 1920.

Today, the Kiwanis Club of Raleigh has 220 members and is the sixth largest Kiwanis club; of more than 7,300 Kiwanis clubs in 80 countries, and geographic areas around the world.

To commemorate its 100th anniversary, the Kiwanis Club of Raleigh has underwritten \$418,800 of the cost to the City of Raleigh of constructing the new Sassafras All-Children Playground at Laurel Hills Park that opened in November 2016 and completely renewing Kiwanis Park, whose original development in 1956 resulted from a partnership between the Club and the City, that reopened in November 2019.

Attachments:

1. Proclamation