

**WHEREAS**, the Wake County Commission for Women was established by the Wake County Board of Commissioners on August 29, 1994 and given the charge to acknowledge and honor women and their role as vital contributors to our County; to educate and advocate on their behalf; and to celebrate that which they have done and will continue to do; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2018 the Wake County Board of Commissioners revised the Mission Statement of the Commission for Women to include identifying and assessing the needs of women; providing information on the status of women to the Commissioners; and cooperating with groups involved in activities on the status of women;

**WHEREAS**, over the years, the Wake County Commission for Women has made a positive impact on the lives of women by helping to bring needed services to Wake County such as the Healing Place for Women; holding focus groups and education sessions highlighting the needs of women; and

WHEREAS, the Commission for Women presented a report to the Wake County Board of Commissioners outlining employment and wage disparities for women, which resulted in the Board of Commissioners funding "Wake Invests in Women", a collective impact collaborative anchored by Wake Technical College. Wake Invests in Women is analyzing much needed data and developing strategies that will help close the wage gap between men and women, and help employers look at how to retain and support women as they move to higher level positions; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wake County Board of Commissioners does hereby dissolve the Commission for Women and thanks the Commission for Women for their commitment and leadership.

**ADOPTED** this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020.

Gregory D. Ford, Chairman Wake County Board of Commissioners