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City of High Point
North Carolina

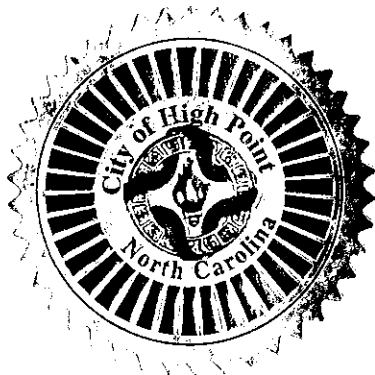
PROCLAMATION...

WHEREAS, since our nation's founding, American prosperity has been fueled by the recognition that we are stronger as a nation when we work together as a people. Our nation, state and city's success has always been the product of our unique capacity to welcome the contributions and spirit of entrepreneurship of all people – immigrants and native-born – who seek to achieve the American dream; and,

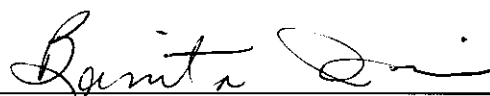
WHEREAS, regardless of race, gender, creed, or country of origin, we are joined in the values of hard work and shared opportunity that define us as North Carolina's International City. At no time in our City's history has the need to work together been more necessary, and it is important that High Pointers join together in a spirit of welcoming; to embrace the talents and contributions of all residents. In a 21st century economy, we must create communities that leverage the full potential of all who live here. We must capitalize on diverse perspectives, cultures and talents as the most valuable assets in an economy where knowledge, creativity and innovation reap the greatest benefits, and becoming a more welcoming community means more customers for our local businesses, more jobs created by immigrant entrepreneurs, and a thriving economy that benefits us all. Building communities that welcome all also speaks to our deepest values as Americans and to our greatest aspirations for prosperity, economic growth and global competitiveness. By recognizing the contributions that we all make to create a vibrant culture and a growing economy, we make our community more welcoming to all who call it home; and,

WHEREAS, this week, we honor the spirit of unity that is bringing together neighbors across High Point. During National Welcoming Week, I invite everyone to join this movement by renewing our commitment to our core American values and by taking action in the spirit of welcoming. Let us come together to build communities where every resident has the opportunity to contribute at his or her best. Let us come together to create more prosperous communities and to reaffirm that High Point still stands as a beacon of freedom and opportunity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bernita Sims, Mayor of the City of High Point do hereby proclaim the week of September 15th, 2013 as *Welcoming Week*. I call upon the people of High Point to join together – as immigrants and native-born residents – to build stronger communities across the state.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of High Point, North Carolina this 16th day of September 2013.


Bernita Sims, Mayor