



## RESOLUTION HONORING GINNY STEVENS

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Blowing Rock Board of Commissioners wish to honor former Town of Blowing Rock resident Ginny Stevens; and

**WHEREAS**, Ginny Stevens, often referred to Mrs. Blowing Rock, was a dedicated, knowledgeable resident and Chief Cheerleader of the Town of Blowing Rock for over 30 years until her passing on December 6, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, during her time here, Ginny played an integral role in the historic preservation of Blowing Rock, having co-founded the Blowing Rock Historical Society in 1985; and

**WHEREAS**, Ginny Stevens, initiated celebrating the Town's Birthday with an annual party hosted at Town Hall, suggested that the Town put on an annual Hometown Harvest Supper for all Town residents, now in its eleventh year, and was instrumental in recognizing Jerry Burns, longtime editor of the Blowing Rocket, with an Annual Jerry Burns day; and

**WHEREAS**, Ginny Stevens was awarded throughout the State for her tireless dedication to many causes, including Blowing Rock Rotary Citizen of the Year, Blowing Rock Woman of the Year, Watauga County Woman of the Year and the highest civilian honor for North Carolina residents, The State of North Carolina Long Leaf Pine Award; and

**WHEREAS**, Ginny Stevens published four books: Green Park Historical District, Postcards of Historic Blowing Rock Volumes I and II and the Architectural History of Watauga County, all celebrating the history of Blowing Rock; and

**WHEREAS**, Ginny Stevens, through the Blowing Rock Historical Society, helped to move and save the Edgewood Cottage, refurbish the 1888 Museum, had the Green Park Historic District placed on the National Register of Historic Places and helped initiate the Historic Marker Program; and

**WHEREAS**, Ginny Stevens, was the epitome of a Southern Lady, exemplified goodness and generosity and worked tirelessly to make Blowing Rock a better place in which to live, work and visit.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town of Blowing Rock Mayor and Board of Commissioners, Town Employees past and present, as well as the Citizens of the Town wish to honor and remember Ginny Stevens this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2017.

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Charlie Sellers, Mayor

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Hilari Hubner, Town Clerk