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**Mayor Smith Joins Colleagues in
Proclaiming a National Day of Racial Healing**

ASHEBORO, NC – Mayor David H. Smith has stated the city’s commitment to the promotion of racial healing and collaborative efforts to ensure the best quality of life for every child in a Mayoral Proclamation: “A National Day of Racial Healing” shall be recognized on January 16, 2018.

The National Day of Racial Healing is a grassroots initiative aimed at overcoming racial biases and unifying people in the United States to create an environment where all children can thrive. The day was first called in 2017 as part of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation’s Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation enterprise, which is a comprehensive effort to address historic and contemporary effects of racism and bring about transformational and sustainable change.

The City of Asheboro is unified with the more than 150 places and organizations, including several National Civic League celebrated All-America cities, who aspire to create a more just and equitable world.

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Mayoral Proclamation
"A National Day of Racial Healing"

WHEREAS, we have all witnessed racial divisiveness rising in America's urban, rural, suburban, and tribal communities today that threatens the very core of this great country's unified front; and

WHEREAS, just like those who came before us, it is our duty to protect the children of this country and maintain communities in which they may all be given the opportunity to succeed; and

WHEREAS, we understand and recognize that there is a racial divide in our country and we must all work earnestly to heal the wounds created by racial, ethnic and religious bias and build an equitable and just society so that all children can thrive; and

WHEREAS, children have the right to be provided every opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive in nurturing environments that don't violate their safety, dignity, and humanity; and

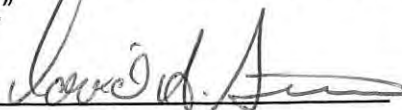
WHEREAS, every single person has the capability to make a simple change within him or herself that can have a profound effect on an entire society; and

WHEREAS, if we all dedicate ourselves to the principles of truth, racial healing and transformation, we can all bring about the necessary changes in thinking and behavior that will propel this great country forward as a unified force where racial biases will become a thing of the past; and

WHEREAS, racial healing is a vital and crucial commitment to the education, social, mental and over all well-being of all our children; and

WHEREAS, the city of Asheboro, in conjunction with others throughout the United States of America, acknowledges January 16, 2018 as the "National Day of Racial Healing," and urges all citizens to promote racial healing and transformation in the ways that are best suited for them individually, as a means to working together to ensure the best quality of life for every child.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David Smith, do hereby proclaim that this city honors and recognizes January 16, 2018 as the "National Day of Racial Healing."


David Smith, Mayor