

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROANOKE COUNTY, VIRGINIA,
HELD AT THE ROANOKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER
ON TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2017

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO NANCY OLIVER
GRAY FOR HER SERVICE AS PRESIDENT OF HOLLINS UNIVERSITY IN
ROANOKE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, President Nancy Oliver Gray has ably led Hollins University with boundless enthusiasm for 12 years as its 11th president, outlining and implementing a bold vision and vaulting the University to prominence as a women's college of excellence; and,

WHEREAS, this year Hollins celebrates its 175th anniversary and there have been significant gains in enrollment during President Gray's tenure, with the largest incoming class in 17 years beginning in the fall of 2016; and

WHEREAS, under her guidance, Hollins operated under no debt and a balanced operating budget and was ranked by Forbes as among "America's 100 Most Financially Fit Colleges" in 2013 and was issued an "A" rating by Forbes in the "College Financial Grades for 2016" list; and

WHEREAS, she led the largest comprehensive fundraising campaign in school history and the largest undertaken by a women's college in the South, the Campaign for Women Who Are Going Places; and,

WHEREAS, President Gray has overseen the renovation of historic buildings and gardens on the Hollins campus in Roanoke County and became a driving force in deepening the University's commitment to environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, during her presidency, Hollins University and Roanoke County entered into an agreement for the County and Pathfinders for Greenways to build a trailhead on University property for the Tinker Creek Greenway connecting to Carvins Cove, which opened in 2012, and allows students and the community to enjoy the area's greenway system; and

WHEREAS, during her presidency, Hollins University also partnered with the County with regards to public involvement and implementation of the Hollins Area Plan, which was adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Board adopts this Resolution of Appreciation and Gratitude to recognize President Gray for her many years of service to Hollins University.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Roanoke County, Virginia, that it expresses its deepest appreciation and gratitude to President **Nancy Oliver Gray** for her enthusiastic, loyal and dedicated leadership of Hollins University and collaboration with Roanoke County; and,

FURTHER, that the Board does express its best wishes to her and success in her future endeavors.

Presented this 23RD day of May, 2017 by

Joe McNamara, Chairman

Martha Hooker, Vice-Chairman