



WHEREAS, Gastonia native Nick Clinard, Head Coach of the Auburn University Men's Golf Team, has compiled an impressive winning record and has demonstrated an acumen for success in his sixteen years as a coach, compiling 32 tournament victories including two conference championships at the NCAA Division I level; and,

WHEREAS, the Tigers have advanced to the NCAA Regionals each of his eight years as head coach and attained the distinction of being one of seven teams in the nation who have made at least five straight appearances at the NCAA Championship. Auburn had the fourth best NCAA Championship finish in the school's history by finishing twelfth in 2015 and establishing the Tigers as one of only eight teams to have appeared in four consecutive NCAA Championships. During his leadership, Auburn has accumulated 21 team titles and 26 individual titles and has brought in some of the strongest recruiting classes the team has seen in years; and,

WHEREAS, Coach Clinard's commitment to the enrichment and development of his athletes is evident in the individual standings attained by his players throughout his career, with many reaching personal honors including nine All-Americans, twelve Academic All-Americans, twenty-seven All-Conference selections, two conference players of the year, three individual conference champions, sixteen NCAA All-Southeast Region selections and nineteen All-SEC selections, including five All-SEC first team selections, six All-SEC second team picks, seven Freshman All-SEC selections and one SEC Freshman of the Year; and,

WHEREAS, Coach Clinard began his coaching career at the University of Central Florida (UCF) where his Knights won the NCAA Southeast Regional title in 2009, claiming the school's first Conference USA Championship, while Coach Clinard earned Conference USA Coach of the Year honors and the NCAA Southeast Regional Coach of the Year; and,

WHEREAS, the 1991 Ashbrook High School graduate, transferred to Wake Forest after one year at SMU to finish off his college golf career with the Wake Forest Demon Deacons from 1992-1995, who were ranked in the top 10; and,

WHEREAS, Coach Clinard went on to play professional golf for five seasons on the NGA Hooters Tour and in several Nike and Canadian Tour events before accepting the head coach position at UCF.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners recognizes and congratulates Gaston County's "Hometown Hero"

COACH NICK CLINARD

for his dedication and principled approach to the game of golf and wishes him continued success during his coaching career.

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To be Adopted the 23rd Day of August 2016