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WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are pleased to congratulate and honor Ms. Brenda M. Martin upon her retirement and for her many years of service to the City of Huntsville; and,

WHEREAS, "Community Servant" characterizes Ms. Martin's commitment to helping build and support her community. She was appointed to the Senior Staff of the Mayor, as Director of the Multicultural Affairs Office in 2008. Under his "One City, One Vision" platform, she serves as the Mayor's liaison to the existing neighborhood associations and development of new associations across the city. Ms. Martin provides leadership in collaboration with city and county groups to enable all to be inclusive and foster effective relationships throughout the community where 142 different cultures reside. She represents the Mayor at business and social events where his official presence is not required. In 1989, Brenda Martin was the first African-American Woman to be appointed to work on a Mayor's Senior Staff. During the last 24 years, she has worked for three different Mayors in the City of Huntsville; and,

WHEREAS, having lived in Europe, Brenda modeled professionally for Emillio Pucci in Venice and Rome, Italy. A few years later, she owned and managed Tiffany's Academy of Personal Development Inc., which offered a comprehensive self-improvement curriculum including visual poise, social graces, communication skills and enhancement of one's natural assets. The academy was the only one of its kind in Huntsville licensed by Alabama's State Board of Education. She is also a licensed state judge for the Miss Alabama/Miss America Pageant. She has worked locally as a TV Anchor and Talk Show Host for Channel 31 and Fox 54. Brenda was employed by Xerox Corporation for 17 years in the northeast region. Her last assignment was in Greenwich, Connecticut where she managed Human Resources for their numerous branches before moving to Huntsville, Alabama; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Martin is active in both professional and local community organizations. Recognized as "Trailblazer" by the Madison County Women's Political Caucus, she has served on many boards and committees since moving to Huntsville. She is recipient of numerous awards, citations and honors on both state and local levels. She was nominated by Huntsville's Chamber of Commerce as "Small Business Executive of the Year" and awarded the "Outstanding Business Institute Award" by the US Small Business Administration. She is a 1993 graduate of the Chamber of Commerce Huntsville/Madison County Leadership program and also a 2001 graduate of Leadership Alabama; and,

WHEREAS, having experienced living as a foster-child, she has been an advocate and volunteer spokesperson for Alabama's Foster-Care and One Church-One Child programs for the Department of Human Resources. The Boys and Girls Club honored her as "Volunteer of the

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Year." Alabama's Housing Authorities honored her as "Commissioner of the Year." Having served as President of the PTA Citywide Council, she was awarded a lifetime membership of the Alabama PTA. In 2011, she was awarded the Cambridge Who's Who of Professionals and Executives, plus the 2011 Leadership Award from the International Services Council of Alabama, Inc. Most recently, Ms. Martin received the Chairman Award from the Madison County Alabama Democratic Conference. She is a member of the Greater Huntsville Chapter of the Links, Inc., and graduated with a Bachelor of Science, Magna cum Laude, in Organizational Management from Oakwood University's Leadership Education for Adult Professionals; and,

WHEREAS, an avid golfer, Ms. Martin was a charter member of the Executive Women's Golf Association in Huntsville and its first vice president. She served as president of an eighty member Interdenominational Christian Golf Association where she was instrumental in increasing its female and male membership. She is presently working with "Still Serving Veterans" on its first annual ladies tournament honoring women warriors in the city and county held in April 2013; and,

WHEREAS, she and her late husband Frank are the parents of Tiffany Marie. Tiffany is married to Eric J. Cleaves and they have a four year old son, Isaiah. Ms. Martin is an active member of the Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church where she has been enrolled in Biblical Studies under the direction of Pastor O. Wendell Davis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, hereby acknowledge, salute, and express appreciation for the impact Ms. Brenda M. Martin has had in our Huntsville community. We wish her much success in all future endeavors and a long and healthy retirement.

ADOPTED on this the 9th day of May, 2013.

President of the City Council of the
City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED on this the 9th day of May, 2013.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama