

## **RESOLUTION NO. 16-685**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that the Union Chapel Christian Academy Foundation, Inc., is hosting its Fifth Annual Scholarship Gala to be held in the Boone-Lacey Fellowship Hall at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church on September 29, 2016. We also wish to recognize the 100 Black Men of America, Greater Huntsville Chapter as the Civic and Community STEM Awardee; and,

**WHEREAS**, 100 Black Men of America was founded in New York in 1963 by a group of successful black men from various fields of business and industry, including David Dinkins, Livingston Wingate and Andrew Hatcher. In 1986, several individual chapters formed a national organization called the 100 Black Men of America (BMOA), Inc., and introduced itself to the nation during its first national conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Today, the 100 BMOA is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing support to 102 national chapters in 26 states, the District of Columbia and seven international chapters. More than 10,000 dedicated volunteer members have touched the lives of over 120,000 young men and women; and,

**WHEREAS**, in July 1999, Dr. Prince Preyer, Jr., former Madison County District 6 Commissioner, and Mr. Earnest L. Starks began exploring the creation of the Greater Huntsville Chapter (GHC) of 100 BMOA. In December 1999, 100 Black Men of Greater Huntsville was formally chartered as a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that emphasizes the national focus on mentoring, education, health and wellness, and economic development to empower youth to reach their fullest potential; and,

**WHEREAS**, mentoring is the cornerstone of what the 100 BMOA GHC, Inc., brings to this community through guiding youth in life experiences, fostering a positive self-perception and self-respect, encouraging excellence in education, and the pursuit of positive life-long goals. Through mentoring, children are encouraged to be healthy, educated, and contributing members of society. The 100 BMOA GHC carefully screens and trains members to become mentors. These men give generously of their time and resources to help mentees to become the future leaders of their community and the world; and,

**WHEREAS**, BMOA GHC's Health & Wellness program raises awareness levels concerning healthcare issues in the community. The goals are to enhance the understanding of the African-American community about preventive healthcare and other health care issues; and to enhance the understanding of the African-American community on the need for family structure and nurturing from conception, as well as the direct role this plays in individual and community success; and,

**WHEREAS**, education is the key to self-empowerment and self-esteem. The 100 BMOA GHC believes that all children can learn given the proper resources and commitment from their parents and teachers. When children are stimulated, motivated and provided a strong support system, they can succeed. The 100 BMOA GHC believes their success will ultimately lead to a stronger and brighter future for both communities and the nation; and,

**WHEREAS**, the 100 BMOA GHC Economic Development program focuses on three primary areas: financial literacy, family wealth building and entrepreneurship.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, gratefully acknowledge and commend the Union Chapel Christian Academy Foundation, Inc., on their Fifth Annual Scholarship Gala and extend best wishes for continued success. We extend our heartiest congratulations to the 100 Black Men of America, Greater Huntsville Chapter as the Civic and Community STEM Awardee for their many achievements, and wish them every success in all future endeavors.

**ADOPTED** this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2016.

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

**APPROVED** this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2016

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville,  
Alabama