



**A PROCLAMATION OF THE COUNCIL FOR
THE TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA HONORING
MAYOR LOIS H. HUMPHREYS
(1931 - 2023)**

WHEREAS, Lois H. Humphreys was elected to the Abingdon Town Council on May 3, 1988, and attended her first Council meeting on July 1, 1988, serving until June 11, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Lois H. Humphreys was the first female ever to serve as the Mayor of the Town of Abingdon and served as such from July 1, 1998 until December 31, 2008; and

WHEREAS, during Mrs. Humphreys' twenty-two (22) years on the Council, she was instrumental in bringing many capital improvements to fruition, and her service to the Town includes many worthwhile and lasting accomplishments too numerous to name individually; and

WHEREAS, Lois represented the Town of Abingdon in various capacities, including an Honorary Fireman for her support and dedication to the Abingdon Fire Department.

WHEREAS, Mayor Humphreys was an avid leader and volunteer who cared deeply for her community, citizens, visitors; and

WHEREAS, Lois served the citizens of the Town of Abingdon as a volunteer, a friend, a confidant, a mentor, a leader, and most importantly, a role model; and

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2018, the "Lois H. Humphreys Park on Main" was dedicated in honor of Abingdon's first female Mayor; and

WHEREAS, those who were lucky enough to know her knew she was a strong, intelligent, witty woman with boundless energy who adored her family above all else; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, in consideration of the preceding, the Council for the Town of Abingdon resolves and recognize Lois H. Humphreys for her exemplary service, publicly proclaim its gratitude and issue its sincere thanks to Councilperson, Mayor Emeritus, Humphreys, for her incomparable achievement and long, yet continuing, legacy of service to the Town of Abingdon, Washington County, and her beloved region, Southwest Virginia.

TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA

By: *Amanda Pillion*
Mayor Amanda Pillion