PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MS. MARIE STATEN

WHEREAS, longevity of life is a blessing for an individual and for a community which benefits from the knowledge, creativity, and experiences this individual brings to all; and

WHEREAS, the town of Wake Forest recognizes with respect and admiration the contribution of senior citizens to our community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Marie Staten was born in South Carolina on July 23, 1916 and was raised in Dunn, North Carolina and has lived there for the majority of her life. She describes herself as someone who always tries to be nice and who lives by the Golden Rule which entails, “treating people right”. She is described by others as being very humble and very grateful for everything you do for her. She is also described as being easy to get along with, someone who takes pride in her appearance, and is a good listener and friend; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Staten is a woman of great faith who loves her church family at Friendship Chapel Baptist in Wake Forest and has been a member there since 2003. She states, “I found the Lord when I was 12 years old and failed at some point in my life, but I rose back up and I’ve been on a straight road ever since”. She also states, “I thank God for how good he is to me”; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Staten was a farmer and never did public work staying home to raise eight children, five of whom were her step-children, but loved them all equally and worked to make a combined family the best that it could be; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Staten has been a resident of Hillside Nursing and Rehab since December 2015. She enjoys a variety of activities such as Garden Club, Bingo, and Arts and Crafts. She also enjoys getting an occasional manicure and enjoys socializing with her friends at Hillside; and

WHEREAS, the United States has the greatest number of centenarians in the world, and today Ms. Staten should be honored for this 100 years on this earth; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Vivian A. Jones, Mayor of the Town of Wake Forest and on the behalf of the Board of Commissioners and the citizens of Wake Forest, honor Ms. Marie Staten for her long life and prosperity, and wish her many more.

This the 23rd day of July 2016.

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Mayor

Attest: _________________

Town Clerk