

***RESOLUTION HONORING THE OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE
OF***

Dr. Mark David La Branche

WHEREAS, The Town of Louisburg is a shining example of a small community which cherishes its character, community interaction, commitment from community institutions and an overall environment of good will among all citizens; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. **Mark David La Branche** and his wife Mona moved to our community to take the helm of Louisburg College in 2009, which at the time was suffering financial difficulties and accreditation challenges and has been tremendously successful resulting in stabilizing the finances of the college with exceptional capital campaigns, has increased enrollment, and most of all, experienced a great academic impact resulting in higher student grade point averages such that Louisburg College, in a recent survey, was found to be comparable to the top-performing schools nationally in student-faculty interaction; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. **Mark David La Branche's** commitment to the betterment of our community has been just as important and demonstrated in his Leadership and involvement in many local organizations including Stewardship Chairman at Louisburg Methodist Church, President of Franklin County United Way, Board member of the Franklin Regional Medical Center, President of the Lion's Club, member of the Louisburg Strategic Economic Development Committee, and avid supporter of Downtown Louisburg revitalization initiatives; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. **Mark David La Branche** has been recognized on numerous occasions for his dedication to Louisburg and Franklin County, highlighted as the News and Observer Honored him as "Tar Heel of the Week" for his tremendous success at Louisburg College and his work for the community and as the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce named him 2014 Franklin County Citizen of the Year,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, This the 17th day of April, 2017, by the Louisburg Town Council that **Dr. Mark David La Branche** be Honored for his unselfish service to the citizens of Louisburg, N.C. and his dedication to providing unparalleled Leadership to Louisburg College. **FURTHER**, The Louisburg Town Council hereby requests all citizens to join as we recognize and celebrate the many achievements of Dr. La Branche and wish him great success as he moves forward to lead Martin Methodist College

ADOPTED, This the 17th Day of April, 2017.

Karl T. Pernell, Mayor

Attest: Carolyn Patterson, Town Clerk