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City Celebrates Award From National League of Cities and Cultural Diversity Month With Events

The National League of Cities has recognized Winston-Salem for its innovative programs involving cultural diversity and its efforts to promote inclusion and involvement among its citizens. The city placed second among cities with populations between 200,001-500,000 people.

The National League works to strengthen local leadership, influence public policy and support innovative solutions among its member cities, towns, and villages.

Wanda Allen-Abraha, director of the Human Relations/Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Department, said that the city had cited its Building Integrated Communities program and related activities in its application. The program creates a one-stop shop for immigrants and refugees to access such services as housing, transportation, healthcare, and more.

“We’re proud of the work our city is doing to become more diverse, welcoming, and inclusive,” she said, “and the timing of this award, in a month in which we celebrate diversity awareness, couldn’t have been better.”

The city will be sponsoring activities that celebrate diversity each week of April. See CityofWS.org/dam for details.

During the week of April 2, Mayor Allen Joines will issue a proclamation celebrating diversity.

Through a partnership with the Winston-Salem Forsyth County Public Art Commission, an exhibit of artwork with diversity themes will go on display in the lobbies of City Hall and the Bryce A. Stuart Municipal building the week of April 9.

During the week of April 16, musical groups will perform in the lobby of City Hall from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Food trucks representing a variety of food from different countries will park in the north lot of City Hall on April 26, 27, and 28, between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

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