A RESOLUTION naming and honoring Dr. Cheryl Hartman as the City of Roanoke’s 2021 Citizen of the Year.

WHEREAS, Dr. Hartman has focused her career on science-driven approaches to the prevention of school dropouts, teen pregnancy, obesity, and substance misuse, and worked primarily with youth, until her shift into the addiction treatment field;

WHEREAS, as a Junior League volunteer, Dr. Hartman brought a teen pregnancy prevention program to Roanoke and was named the Director of Youth Development at Family Service of Roanoke Valley, where she worked for 15 years;

WHEREAS, after retiring from Family Service of Roanoke Valley, Dr. Hartman began her work with Carilion Clinic, establishing an adolescent addiction treatment program called Back on Track;

WHEREAS, as a current faculty member of the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, Dr. Hartman serves as the school’s grants project director;

WHEREAS, Dr. Hartman has led grant projects, including a childhood obesity prevention program that created school gardens in Roanoke City elementary schools;

WHEREAS, Dr. Hartman has worked directly with her husband, Dr. David Hartman, to develop Carilion’s office-based opioid treatment program and serves as program manager;

WHEREAS, Dr. Hartman has been an active member of the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke, and served as president during the 2019-2020 club year;

WHEREAS, under Dr. Hartman’s leadership, Kiwanis adapted many of its programs to aid the community during the COVID-19 pandemic, including recruiting volunteers for
vaccination clinics, allocating grant funds to local charities, and starting a partnership with Roanoke City Public Libraries to make video books available to teachers and the children within the community;

WHEREAS, from 2018 to 2020, Dr. Hartman successfully led the campaign to raise the funds and construct Centennial Playground, a $400,000 children’s playground in Northwest Roanoke, which Kiwanis gave free and clear to the City of Roanoke upon its completion;

WHEREAS, Dr. Hartman is leading a second phase to this playground that will rehabilitate nearby Horton Branch with natural plantings, a walking trail, and environmental education facilities;

WHEREAS, Dr. Hartman has been involved with a number of charities in the Roanoke Valley over the years, and was instrumental in founding the Community Youth Program, based out of St. John’s Episcopal Church;

WHEREAS, City Council desires to recognize Dr. Hartman for her outstanding accomplishments and the devotion of her time to serve her community and the City of Roanoke.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Roanoke as follows:

1. Council recognizes, commends, and applauds Dr. Cheryl Hartman as the 2021 City of Roanoke Citizen of the Year for her many contributions and services to her community to sustain, enhance, and improve the quality of life in our City.

2. The City Clerk is directed to forward an attested copy of this Resolution to Dr. Cheryl Hartman.

ATTEST:

City Clerk.