

February 8, 2012

John Grogan, Mayor City of Eden 308 East Stadium Drive Eden, North Carolina 27288

Dear Mayor:

The members of the Piedmont Chapter #109 of the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) respectfully request your help in recognizing our chapter for 46 years of service to women in the construction industry during WIC Week 2012.

In 1953, sixteen women from Fort Worth, Texas formed a support group for women working in the construction industry. In 1955 the National Association of Women in Construction was chartered. Today, NAWIC serves over 184 Chapters across the United States with over 5,500 women participating. The NAWIC purpose "to enhance the success of women in the construction industry" has rapidly spread and now has sister organizations in South Africa, the United Kingdom, New Zealand and Australia.

July 17, 1965 The Greater Greensboro Chapter #109 of North Carolina was chartered. In 2004, due to the vast growth of the Chapter the name was changed to **The Piedmont Chapter #109**. The Piedmont Chapter currently supports two of our local community colleges through the NAWIC scholarship program which helps local men and women with educational needs and prepares them for careers in the construction industry.

Each Chapter across the United States hosts several community events which bring the world of construction into the lives of our younger generations consisting of a Block Kids competition for grade school students and a CAD competition for high school students. In 1961, NAWIC founded the NAWIC Founders Scholarship foundation and in 1972 the NAWIC Education Foundation (NEF) both of which provide scholarships for men and women wanting to pursue careers in the construction industry. NAWIC has teamed with Clemson University and is also working with East Carolina University to develop additional courses to help better prepare women for examinations and certifications that will help advance their careers in the construction industry.

NAWIC has set aside March 4 thru March 10 as WIC Week 2012 to celebrate the women working in the construction industry. As part of WIC Week, each Chapter requests recognition from local city, county and state officials by way of proclamations. To celebrate our 46 years of supporting women in the Piedmont Triad Area of North Carolina, we would like to request your help in acknowledging WIC Week 2012 for our Chapter.

We appreciate the time and consideration that you have taken to read this letter and hope that you will feel as strongly as we do about encouraging women to pursue nontraditional careers like those found in the construction industry. Thank you for your support.

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Respectfully,

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Enclosures

Sample Proclamation