

# Mecklenburg County

## North Carolina

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) community will celebrate Pride Week from Friday, August, 9 to Sunday, August 18, 2019 in Mecklenburg County; to include a festival on August 18<sup>th</sup> ; and

**WHEREAS**, the Charlotte Pride Festival and Parade is the largest LGBTQ event between Washington, D.C., and Atlanta, and one of the largest in the Southeast; and in 2018, the Charlotte Pride Festival and Parade event attracted over 165,000 visitors over the course of the weekend, and according to an economic impact report prepared with the assistance of CRVA, generated \$7.08 million in local economic impact, which included \$4.26 million in direct visitor spending and \$238,000 in Mecklenburg County taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of Charlotte Pride is to create programs and activities to enrich, empower, strengthen, and make visible the unique lives and experiences of the LGBTQ community in Charlotte and the Carolinas; and

**WHEREAS**, Charlotte Pride envisions a world in which LGBTQ individuals are affirmed, respected, and included in the full social and civic life of their local communities, free from fear of any discrimination, rejection, and prejudice; and

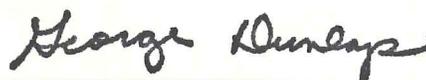
**WHEREAS**, Mecklenburg County stands with the LGBTQ community in the struggle to ensure equal treatment for all, and to advocate for LGBTQ rights as human rights and will continue to advocate for protections for all Mecklenburg County residents, including LGBTQ individuals to make our County a place where all people-- regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression -- are treated with dignity and respect;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaims August 9 through August 18, 2019 as

### **“PRIDE WEEK”**

in Mecklenburg County and supports the collective celebration of the Pride Festival and the continued fight for full inclusion and acceptance of the LGBTQ community.

This 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 2019



George Dunlap, Chair  
Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners

