

# Mecklenburg County

## North Carolina

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Jewish American Heritage Month is celebrated annually in May to honor the generations of Jewish Americans who have contributed to the history and culture of our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Jewish Americans have been an integral part of Mecklenburg County's vibrant history, with the first Jewish settlers arriving in the 1870s and establishing a lasting presence that continues to enrich the county today; and

**WHEREAS**, Jewish Americans have made significant contributions to Mecklenburg County's economic development through entrepreneurship, business leadership, and innovation, playing a key role in building a thriving local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jewish community has enriched Mecklenburg County's arts and culture, supporting institutions, artists, and events that celebrate creativity and foster cross-cultural appreciation; and

**WHEREAS**, Jewish Americans have honorably served in the United States military, demonstrating courage, patriotism, and a commitment to protecting the freedoms we hold dear; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jewish community in Mecklenburg County has established cultural institutions, synagogues, and organizations that have enriched the county's religious, social, and cultural fabric while educating and serving the public, fostering dialogue and mutual understanding among groups, and promoting a welcoming, inclusive community for all residents; and

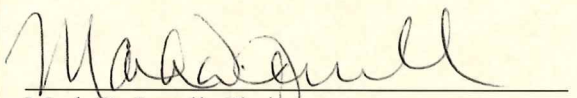
**WHEREAS**, recognizing and celebrating Jewish American Heritage Month reaffirms our county's commitment to combating prejudice, standing against antisemitism and all forms of hate, and promoting unity among all of Mecklenburg County's residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim, May 2025 as

### **"JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH"**

in Mecklenburg County and encourages all residents to join in celebrating the achievements, contributions, and enduring legacy of Jewish Americans, both in our local community and throughout the nation.

This 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025

  
Mark D. Jerrell, Chair  
Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners

