

# Mecklenburg County

## North Carolina

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Mecklenburg County is home to a vibrant and diverse community, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) citizens and residents who contribute immeasurably to the social, cultural, civic, and economic vitality of our region; and

**WHEREAS**, Mecklenburg County's LGBTQ community — along with their families, friends, neighbors, and allies — have helped shape our collective progress through resilience, creativity, leadership, and a deep commitment to justice and inclusion; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of June is traditionally celebrated as LGBTQ Pride Month, honoring the legacy of the Stonewall Uprising of June 28, 1969, in New York City, where LGBTQ people — especially people of color, trans individuals, and youth — bravely stood against systemic oppression, sparking a movement that transformed the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Charlotte's LGBTQ community first began organizing socially and politically in the early 1970s, with the city's first Pride events taking place in 1981. This legacy continued with the founding of Charlotte Pride in 2000 and Charlotte Black Pride in 2005, each playing a critical role in uplifting voices, fostering visibility, and advocating for equity across our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, this year marks a historic moment as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of Charlotte Black Pride in July and the 25th anniversary of Charlotte Pride in August, two cornerstone celebrations that reflect the strength, joy, and perseverance of our local LGBTQ community; and

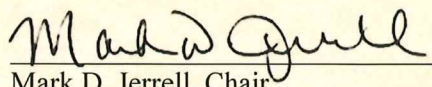
**WHEREAS**, LGBTQ history and contributions are being systematically erased, we honor the foundations laid by leaders including, Donaldson King, Blake Brockington, Janice Covington, Ginger Walker, and Rev. Debra Hopkins.

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

### **“LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH”**

in Mecklenburg County and encourage all citizens to join us in this special observance.

This 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2025



Mark D. Jerrell, Chair  
Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners

