

# Mecklenburg County

## North Carolina

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, vitiligo is an autoimmune skin disease causing loss of pigment from areas of the skin, resulting in irregular white spots or patches; and

**WHEREAS**, vitiligo affects more than two million Americans and between 0.004 - 2.28% of the population worldwide and even higher in certain regions; it can appear at any age, and can affect all people regardless of gender, race, and ethnicity; and

**WHEREAS**, while the condition is not typically associated with physical pain, the psychological and social effects can be significant for many affected individuals, especially children and those with darker skin; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 15 to 25% of people with vitiligo are also affected by at least one other autoimmune disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, researchers and medical professionals are working to better understand and treat Vitiligo; although there is currently no known cure, treatments are available that can help with repigmentation, especially if begun early and used consistently; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the leaders of the North Carolina Vitiligo Support Community group and its members, is to support and empower individuals with Vitiligo as well as educate, advocate, and spread awareness; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Vitiligo Support Community and its leaders have been designated by the Global Vitiligo Foundation to host the 2026 World Vitiligo Day-USA Conference from June 26 through June 28 in Charlotte, North Carolina, marking a decade of resilience, strength, and beauty; and

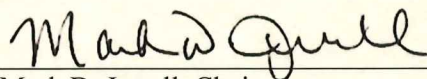
**WHEREAS**, Mecklenburg County encourages citizens to increase awareness, understanding, and support for individuals with Vitiligo in communities throughout the County.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim June 2026 as

### “VITILIGO AWARENESS MONTH”

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

This 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026.



Mark D. Jerrell, Chair  
Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners

