

# Mecklenburg County

## North Carolina

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the holy month of Ramadan is a time of reflection, spiritual growth, and devotion for Muslims around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, during this sacred month, Muslims fast from dawn until sunset, abstaining from food, drink, and other physical needs as an act of worship and self-discipline; and

**WHEREAS**, Ramadan is a time for increased prayer, charity, and community service, as Muslims strive to strengthen their spiritual relationship, improve their character and conduct; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of Ramadan is a time to seek forgiveness, practice gratitude, and strive for personal growth and self-improvement; and

**WHEREAS**, the breaking of the fast each evening, known as iftar, is a time for families and communities to come together in fellowship and celebration; and

**WHEREAS**, the values of compassion, empathy, and charity that are emphasized during Ramadan are universal principles that can bring people of all faiths and backgrounds together in a spirit of unity and solidarity; and

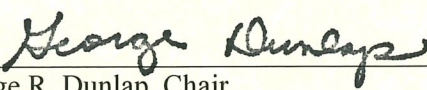
**WHEREAS**, the observance of Ramadan serves as a reminder of the importance of faith, community, and service in our lives, and encourages us to strive for peace, justice, and equality for all people; and

**WHEREAS**, we urge all people to embrace the values of compassion, empathy, and charity that are emphasized during this holy month, and to strive for a world where all people are treated with dignity and respect.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County of Mecklenburg acknowledges the importance of Ramadan as a time of spiritual growth, reflection, devotion, and inspiration to work towards a more just and compassionate world for all and declares that the County of Mecklenburg recognizes March 10<sup>th</sup> to April 8<sup>th</sup> as

**“THE MONTH OF RAMADAN”**

This 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024

  
George R. Dunlap, Chair  
Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners

