

Mecklenburg County

North Carolina

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the family, serving as primary source of love, identity, self-esteem and support, is the very foundation of our communities and our State; and

WHEREAS, in Mecklenburg County there are children and youth in foster care who are provided with a safe, secure and stable home along with the compassion and nurturing of a foster family; and

WHEREAS, all young people in foster care need a meaningful connection to a caring adult who becomes a supportive and lasting presence in their lives; and

WHEREAS, foster, kinship and adoptive families, who open their home and hearts and support children whose families are in crisis, play a vital role in shared parenting helping children and families heal and reconnect thereby launching young people into successful adulthood; and

WHEREAS, the emotional pain and trauma suffered by children who are abused and neglected often troubles them throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, dedicated foster families frequently adopt foster children, resulting in a greater need for more foster care families; and

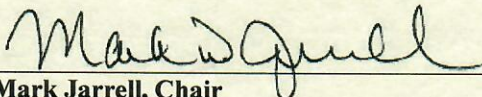
WHEREAS, there are numerous individuals, public and private organizations who work to increase public awareness of the needs of children in and leaving foster care as well as the enduring and valuable contribution of foster parents, and the foster care “system” is only as good as those who choose to be a part of it:

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

“FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH”

in Mecklenburg County and urges all citizens to take the time to celebrate and thank those who work with our children and youth. It is also a time to focus on the foster children who wait in foster homes for permanency adoptive families, as well as those children who are turning 18 and aging out of the foster care “system”

This 5th day of May 2026



Mark Jarrell, Chair
Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners

