

Mecklenburg County

North Carolina

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners plays a vital role in fostering an informed and engaged community by ensuring clear, accurate, and transparent communication among citizens, elected officials, and administrative departments; and

WHEREAS, the position of the clerk—one of the oldest roles in local government, continues to be essential as the official recordkeepers and custodian of public records of their counties, preserving the history, actions, and decisions of county governance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute, each Board of County Commissioners is required to appoint or designate a Clerk to perform duties that may be required by law or the board of commissioners including, but not limited to, the preparation, filing, and protection of local government records, which are vital for accountability and transparency; and

WHEREAS, as local government operations grow increasingly complex, the Clerk serves as a trusted, impartial, and professional provider of information, ensuring that citizens, government officials, and the media have access to accurate and timely records; and

WHEREAS, Clerks continually advance their expertise through active participation in the North Carolina Association of County Clerks to Boards of Commissioners, which, in partnership with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Government and the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, provides nationally recognized certification programs and ongoing professional development and educational opportunities; and

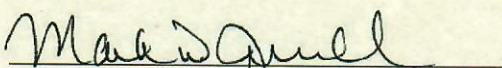
WHEREAS, through their commitment to excellence and lifelong learning, Clerks enhance the effectiveness of their offices, strengthen public trust, and bring distinction and pride to the counties they serve;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners that May 3 through May 9, 2026, is recognized as

“CLERKS TO THE BOARDS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS’ WEEK”

in Mecklenburg County and extends its appreciation to Clerk to the Board Kristine Smith and Deputy Clerk to the Board Arlissa Eason, their assistant clerks and to all county clerks and deputy clerks for the invaluable service, professionalism, and unwavering dedication to the citizens and county they proudly serve.

ADOPTED the 5th day of May 2026.


Mark D. Jerrell, Chair
Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners

