



# City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County



## JOINT PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, January 27, 2026 is recognized by the United Nations and the international community as International Holocaust Remembrance Day, commemorating the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau in 1945; and

**WHEREAS**, the Holocaust represents one of the gravest atrocities in human history, resulting in the systematic murder of six million Jews and millions of others, including Roma, people with disabilities, political dissidents, LGBTQ individuals, and other groups targeted by Nazi ideology; and

**WHEREAS**, the Holocaust did not begin with mass murder, but with the normalization of hatred, the spread of antisemitic propaganda, the erosion of democratic institutions, and the silence of bystanders; and

**WHEREAS**, remembrance of the Holocaust is not solely an act of historical reflection, but a moral imperative that challenges contemporary society to confront antisemitism, bigotry, and all forms of hatred that persist today; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County affirm their commitment to human dignity, pluralism, and democratic values, and recognizes the essential role of education, civic leadership, and public remembrance in fostering a community grounded in empathy, truth, and justice.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that January 27, 2026, is hereby designated as International Holocaust Remembrance Day in the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, and that all residents are encouraged to observe this day through reflection, education, and renewed commitment to opposing antisemitism, intolerance, and injustice in all its forms.

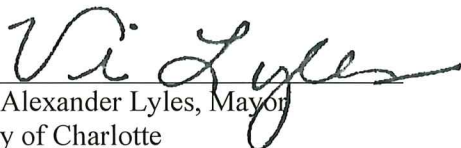
**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that on this day, the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County honor the memory of the victims of the Holocaust, pays tribute to the survivors, and reaffirms its responsibility to ensure that the lessons of history are neither forgotten nor ignored.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Vi Alexander Lyles, Mayor of Charlotte and Mark Jerrell, Chair of the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners do hereby proclaim January 27, 2026 as

### **“International Holocaust Remembrance Day”**

in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County and commend its observance to all citizens.

**WITNESS OUR HANDS** and the official Seals of the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

  
Vi Alexander Lyles, Mayor  
City of Charlotte

  
Mark Jerrell, Chair  
Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners