

Mecklenburg County

North Carolina

Proclamation

WHEREAS, George Perry Floyd, Jr. was born in Fayetteville, North Carolina on October 14, 1974 and raised in Houston, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Floyd was educated through the Houston school system and graduated from Jack Yates High School where he played on both the basketball and football team and was a star tight end football player; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Floyd attended South Florida Community College and played for the basketball team as a center and power forward; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Floyd left Houston and was embracing a fresh start on life in Minneapolis, Minnesota where he worked as a Security Support for the Salvation Army's Harbor Light Center and Congo Latin Bistro; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, May 25, 2020 the world witnessed the inhumane death of Mr. Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis Police Department officers; and

WHEREAS, the death of Mr. Floyd has led to community, national and global outrage and outcry through mass protests held in cities across the United States and around the world against the injustice and inequities of the treatment of black people in America; and

WHEREAS, because of this action the world is now waiting on America to take a stand in eradicating these injustices against black people and people of color; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that the rate at which black Americans are killed by police is more than twice as high as the rate for white Americans; and

WHEREAS, through the efforts of people across the world we hope that America will awaken to the need of providing respect, equal citizenship and support of all citizens regardless of race, religion, color or creed; and

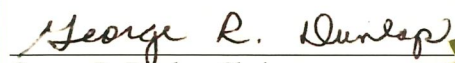
WHEREAS, as a way of overcoming racial disparity, Mecklenburg County, through the Health Department, must provide accessible health sites to service all people, through the Board of Education, provide an education for students that will make them college or job ready, mandate a living wage, provide access to quality food and promote healthy living.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners will support implementing making these requests a reality for all citizens of our community to truly live, work and recreate and hereby proclaims June 15 - 20, 2020 as

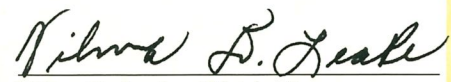
“RACIAL INEQUALITY AWARENESS WEEK”

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

This 16th day of June 2020


George R. Dunlap, Chair,
Mecklenburg Board of County
Commissioners




Vilma D. Leake, District 2,
Mecklenburg Board of County
Commissioners