

Mecklenburg County

North Carolina

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the majority of the original pioneers who moved to Mecklenburg County, North Carolina during the mid 1700's establishing the foundations of our current county were early immigrants from the bonnie shores of Scotland; and

WHEREAS, these same Scottish pioneers and their descendants were and are people of strong faith in God, and did early on build Presbyterian Churches for worship and to train up a moral people in this land. And likewise because they knew the value of education, they established Queens College, later changed to Liberty Hall, the first such institution in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, just as Scotland had in prior centuries produced leaders like King Robert the Bruce and William Wallace, these Mecklenburg Scots carried in their hearts a love of freedom, liberty and self-government, which they demonstrated by penning and signing the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence on May 20, 1775 and adopting the Mecklenburg Resolves on May 31, 1775, they then took up arms to win and defend the freedom of their new nation; and

WHEREAS, because the Scottish Treaty of Abroath on April 6, 1320 inspired the contents for America's Declaration of Independence, the United States Senate designated April 6 each year as "National Tartan Day"; and

WHEREAS, since 1994 a great many of the citizens from Mecklenburg County with and without Scottish roots have rallied around the St. Andrews flag at Historic Rural Hill to celebrate the Loch Norman Highland Games, we will gather this year for the 25th anniversary on April 20-22, 2018; **now, therefore, be it**

RESOLVED that the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners recognizes the week of April 2, 2018 as

"SCOTTISH HERITAGE WEEK"

in Mecklenburg County.

This the 3rd day of April 2018.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ella B. Scarborough".

Ella B. Scarborough, Chair
Mecklenburg Board of
County Commissioners