

# PROCLAMATION

## City of Charlotte/Mecklenburg County

**WHEREAS**, the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. was established on June 4, 1928 and incorporated on January 5, 1929; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 23, 1936, a joint congressional resolution designated the last Sunday in September as Gold Star Mother's Day, a holiday that has been observed annually by a presidential proclamation; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Gold Star Mothers suffered the supreme sacrifice of motherhood in the loss of their sons and/or daughters that were killed in the armed forces or any war of conflict, or who may have died as a result of injuries sustained during active duty, inactive duty, or suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, the Blue Star now becomes gold; the Gold Star is placed over the Blue Star, creating a blue border. The Gold Star represents valor and sacrifice to the cause of liberty and freedom and the blue border is a faithful reminder that the service member will always be remembered and honored; and

**WHEREAS**, the Obama administration changed the designation from Gold Star Mother's Day to Gold Star Mothers and Families Day, in 2011; and

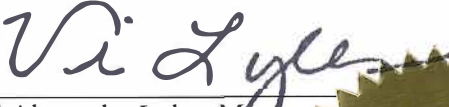
**WHEREAS**, in support of the Gold Star Mothers, the Blue Star Mothers of Charlotte NC-15 will take the Ultimate Sacrifice Journey to Washington, D.C in hopes to increase awareness of Gold Star Mothers and Families Day and for the posting and observance of this official Day of Remembrance on official state and national calendars and ensure flags are flown half- staff:

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE**, Vi Alexander Lyles, Mayor of Charlotte, and Ella B. Scarborough, Chair of the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2018 as


### **"GOLD STAR MOTHERS AND FAMILIES 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



  
Ella B. Scarborough, Chair  
Mecklenburg Board of County  
Commissioners

