## PROCLAMATION City of Charlotte/Mecklenburg County

WHEREAS, the month of November welcomes in a time of thanksgiving and a season for sharing our resources and our freedoms to worship, work, and live as independently as possible; and

**WHEREAS**, some members of our community do not have employment or a place to live for a variety of reasons, both simple and complex; and

WHEREAS, there are efforts to bring these homeless children and adults out of the shadows of our abundance, to address the diverse needs among them, as well as to provide guidance on how to correct conditions that have led to their poverty and homelessness; and

WHEREAS, our current economic challenges call for greater awareness and guidance to address needs among all of our neighbors; and

WHEREAS, The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Homeless Services Network, its member organizations, and its public partners in the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County desire to dispel myths and overcome stereotypes of homelessness and to provide opportunities for all of our citizens to learn about the plight, the hopes, and the achievements of homeless neighbors of our community and to welcome them:

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

## "HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS MONTH"

in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County and urge all of our citizens to honor this observance.

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

Vi Alexander Lyles, Mayor

City of Charlotte

Ella B. Scarborough, Chair Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners