

# PROCLAMATION

## City of Charlotte/Mecklenburg County

**WHEREAS**, Crisis Assistance Ministry is Charlotte-Mecklenburg's lead agency for eviction prevention, utility assistance, and the basic needs in life; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Lea Tolbert, has served Crisis Assistance Ministry in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg community for 30 years, longer than any employee in the agency's 44-year history; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Lea Tolbert started out volunteering at the agency's clothing store ensuring that it was always stocked and cleaned and all customers were served with dignity; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Tolbert subsequently became the manager of The Community Free Store, which today distributes more than one million items free-of-charge to families in need; and

**WHEREAS**, today she serves as the Crisis Assistance Ministry's voice, answering the phone for people seeking help, hope and patiently guiding and reassuring callers; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Tolbert has been the sole organizer of an on-site food pantry since the agency began providing services out of the Caroline Love Myers Building, addressing the food insecurity that often goes hand-in-hand with poverty; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Tolbert works in seamless collaboration with Loaves and Fishes along with other hunger-fighting partners, further strengthening the agency's ability to create stability for customers; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Tolbert has impacted thousands of customers, faithful volunteers and fellow employees over the years with her listening ear and quiet but strong voice; and

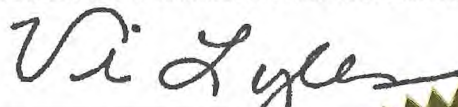
**WHEREAS**, her genuinely kind spirit and big, caring heart is a model not only in how to serve but in how to love your neighbors.

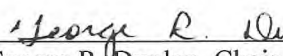
**NOW, THEREFORE, WE**, Vi Alexander Lyles, Mayor of Charlotte, and George R. Dunlap, Chair of the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim, June 18, 2019 as

### "LEA TOLBERT DAY"

in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

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

  
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Vi Alexander Lyles, Mayor  
City of Charlotte

  
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George R. Dunlap, Chair  
Mecklenburg Board of  
County Commissioners

