

# Mecklenburg County

## North Carolina

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, on August 4, 1919, the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Education organized the County's Department of Public Welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, the agency later became known as the Department of Social Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department's mission is to strengthen families and communities through a safety net of services, collaborations, and hope; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department's vision is to define and cultivate an organizational culture that is compassionate and understanding toward its employees and the people it serves; and

**WHEREAS**, Social Services is comprised of over 1,300 dedicated employees who partner with the community to provide federally and state mandated services such as child and adult welfare, and public assistance programs to include Medicaid, Food & Nutrition Services, and Work First. The Department is also responsible for other social service programs which are developed and managed locally; and

**WHEREAS**, on average the department serves over 300,000 individuals per month including seniors, children, and families; and

**WHEREAS**, the staff at the Department of Social Services remains committed to the Department's mission and vision to help the families and communities of Mecklenburg County reach their greatest potential:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim August 8, 2019 as

**"DSS Day"**

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

**This 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 2019.**

*George Dunlap*

George Dunlap, Chair  
Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners

