



**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE HEROES AND VICTIMS OF THE
UNC CHARLOTTE MASS SHOOTING AND COMMITTING TO A PLAN OF
ACTION TO ADDRESS GUN VIOLENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2019, the people of Mecklenburg County were shocked and saddened by the mass shooting that occurred at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, resulting in the tragic deaths of two students and the injuries of four more during the last week of classes; and

WHEREAS the lives of students Riley Howell and Ellis Reed Parlier were taken from us far too soon, and the injuries suffered by students Sean Dehart, Drew Pescaro, Emily Houpt, and Rami Alramadhan were too much to bear; and

WHEREAS the extraordinary heroism of Riley Howell and the quick action by campus police and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department surely prevented further tragedy and saved lives; and

WHEREAS this incident has reverberated throughout the nation and the world because of the senseless gun violence on a college campus, and

WHEREAS, before this terrible shooting there have been at least 106 mass shootings this year, according to the Gun Violence Archive; and

WHEREAS, part of our healing as a community must be our conviction that we will do everything in our power to keep these tragedies from happening again; and

WHEREAS, the prevalence of gun violence presents a threat to public health, a matter that is squarely within the scope of responsibility of county government;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim and establish April 30 of every year as a


“DAY OF REMEMBRANCE”

in Mecklenburg County to honor and recognize the heroes and victims of the 2019 UNC Charlotte mass shooting, and to allow residents and students to pay tribute to

the people who were lost during this tragedy and bring awareness to gun violence in our community; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners does hereby commit to developing and implementing a plan of action to address gun violence in our community, with specific steps and measurable goals, and will urge the North Carolina General Assembly to adopt gun violence prevention legislation to protect people across the State.

Adopted this the 7th day of May 2019.



George Dunlap, Chairman

Attest:



Clerk to the Board of Commissioners