



PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE TWO-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF 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, April 30, 2021 marks two years since this horrific attack; and

WHEREAS, as of April 15, 2021 there have been 143 mass shootings according to the Gun Violence Archive; 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 RESOLVED that the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim April 30, 2021 as the two-year anniversary of

“A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE”

in Mecklenburg County to honor and recognize the heroes and victims of the 2019 UNC Charlotte mass shooting, to recognize the spirit and resilience of the community 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 the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners does hereby reaffirm its commitment to developing and implementing a plan of action to address gun violence in our community.

Adopted this the 20th day of April 2021.


George R. Dunlap, Chair

