

City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County



JOINT PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the month of November welcomes in both 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 cannot find adequate employment or a place to live for a variety of reasons, both simple and complex; and

WHEREAS, there are efforts to bring homeless children and adults out of the shadows of our abundance, to address the diverse needs among them as well as to correct systemic 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 Homeless Services Network of Charlotte-Mecklenburg, 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; we commit to work together to overcome systemic causes of homelessness:

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, Vi Alexander Lyles, Mayor of Charlotte, and George Dunlap, Chair of the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim the month of November 2024 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.

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Mayor

George Dunlap, Chair

Mecklenburg County
Board of Commissioners