

Mecklenburg County

North Carolina

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County is home to a vibrant and diverse community, among which are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) citizens and residents; and

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County's LGBTQ community, their family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers, have positively shaped the cultural, business, civic, faith, and social fabric of the county throughout its history; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, Charlotte Black Pride marks its 20th anniversary and Charlotte Pride marks its 25th year; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ residents of Mecklenburg County first attempted to organize Gay Liberation Movement organizations as early as 1971, with Charlotte's first Pride events finally held in 1981 and the ensuing decades inspiring the creation of Charlotte Pride in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte Black Pride was founded in 2005 with the mission to promote LGBTQ pride primarily for, but not limited to, members of the Black community while building social awareness, embracing spirituality and celebrating the diversity that exists within our community; and

WHEREAS, each July, Black members of the LGBTQ community and their allies gather to celebrate the history, culture, achievements, aspirations, and dreams during Charlotte Black Pride Week and this year held its annual celebration "Black and Bold" and

WHEREAS, community members joined together July 12 to July 19 to celebrate the history, culture, community, and triumphs of Black LGBTQ people across our region; and

WHEREAS, this August, Charlotte Pride will celebrate the 25th anniversary of its founding and the 44th anniversary of the first Pride events in Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte Pride Festival and Parade is the largest LGBTQ community event of its kind in the region, contributing millions of dollars in economic impact each year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim July 12-19, 2025, as

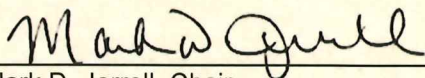
"CHARLOTTE BLACK PRIDE WEEK"

and August 8-17, 2025, as

"CHARLOTTE PRIDE WEEK"

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

This 6th day of August 2025



Mark D. Jerrell, Chair
Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners

