

# City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County



## JOINT PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is a serious offense that impacts people of every background and identity, manifesting in a multitude of forms including physical, sexual, verbal, emotional, psychological, and financial abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is prevalent in Mecklenburg County, with over 25,000 domestic violence-related calls for service placed to local law enforcement each year; and

**WHEREAS**, these documented calls for help represent only a fraction of those in our community who experience the hidden impacts of domestic violence in secrecy and silence; and

**WHEREAS**, the effects of domestic violence can be long-term and far-reaching, with implications for public health and safety, economic costs, child development, mental health, and generational cycles of abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, our community offers a continuum of care made up of nonprofit, for-profit, public, grassroots, and survivor-led partners to support and empower those impacted by domestic violence as they seek out safety, hope, and healing; and

**WHEREAS**, communities nationwide recognize Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October and the enhancement of this awareness month with a dedicated Domestic Violence Survivors Day creates a unique opportunity to recognize, honor, and celebrate the courage of victims and survivors in Mecklenburg County; and

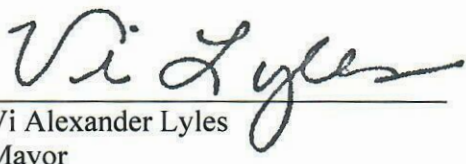
**WHEREAS**, Mecklenburg County will further acknowledge this awareness month by presenting current data to stakeholders during the *The Status of Intimate Partner Violence in Mecklenburg County* event on October 12, 2023, and will bring education and resources to the public through a *Community Conversations Series* in 2024, highlighting the connections between intimate partner violence and substance use:

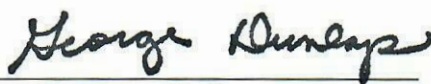
**NOW, THEREFORE, WE**, Vi Alexander Lyles, Mayor of Charlotte, and George Dunlap, Chair of the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October 2023 and October 21, 2023, respectively, as

### **“DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH” & “DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS DAY”**

in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County and commend its observance to all citizens.

**WITNESS OUR HANDS** and the official Seals of the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

  
Vi Alexander Lyles  
Mayor

  
George Dunlap, Chair  
Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners