

# Mecklenburg County

## North Carolina

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Block Love Charlotte, Hearts Beat As One Foundation, Hearts for the Invisible Charlotte, Just Do It Movement, Project Outpour, Promise Resource Network, Leah's Hopes and Dreams, Roof Above, Salvation Army Center of Hope and Supportive Housing Communities, and others upon learning of the order for the residents of Charlotte's Tent City to quickly leave their living environment, joined together to ensure safe and healthy relocation assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, each group represents volunteers and community partners from throughout our communities, in Mecklenburg County and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, staff and volunteers for the aforementioned groups joined together to provide assistance for the residents to identify a variety of important and necessary community resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the groups recognized the unique needs associated with an action of this type and recognized that many of the residents presented unique challenges, the groups always acted with a focus on the residents' dignity and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the groups helped provide assistance to 215 neighbors; and

**WHEREAS**, all of the groups acted on the needs of their fellow citizens knowing that this was a temporary and short-term solution; and

**WHEREAS**, residents of Tent City are now receiving important and life-altering wrap-around services as a result of the community's efforts to safely transition these neighbors into county care; and

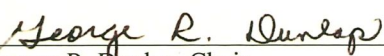
**WHEREAS**, due to the already-established relationships with the neighbors of Tent City, the groups were able to create a comfort level for people who struggle to trust government officials; and

**WHEREAS**, the groups have continued to sustain their boots-on-the-ground effort to support our homeless neighbors throughout this pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, all of the groups involved focused on the humanity and deserved respect for all of the residents. They recognized that we are truly our brothers' and sisters' keepers and demonstrated for all of the citizens of Mecklenburg County that each of us is called to act with compassion and love.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners does hereby express our deepest thanks and gratitude and recognize the Herculean and tireless efforts of the aforementioned groups and their volunteers to help Mecklenburg County accomplish a massive and seemingly impossible feat.

This 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021

  
George R. Dunlap, Chair  
Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners

