

# City of Charlotte, North Carolina Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, throughout the centuries, American Indians have shared their knowledge of land and resources while continuing to play a role in the development of the city of Charlotte, the state of North Carolina, and the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina is home to more than 122,000 American Indians and has eight historic tribes legally recognized by the state of North Carolina: Coharie, Eastern Band of Cherokee, Haliwa-Saponi, Lumbee, Meherrin, Occaneechi Band of Saponi, Sappony, and Waccamaw-Siouan; and

**WHEREAS**, the city of Charlotte enjoys a positive relationship with American Indian citizens, recognizes and encourages the acknowledgement of historic contributions and sacrifices of Indigenous People, and respects the cultural and economic contributions that American Indians have made; and

**WHEREAS**, the city of Charlotte promotes the closing of the equity gap for Indigenous Peoples through policies and practices that reflect the experiences of Indigenous Peoples, ensure greater access and opportunity, and honor the nation's indigenous roots, history and contributions; and

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous Peoples' Day was proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Vi Alexander Lyles, Mayor of Charlotte, do hereby proclaim October 12, 2020 as

## **“INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ DAY”**

in Charlotte and commend its observance to all citizens.

**WITNESS MY HAND** and the official Seal of the City of Charlotte.



*Vi Alexander Lyles*  
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Mayor