

# City of Charlotte, North Carolina Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, National Welcoming Week was founded by Welcoming America to bring neighbors together across lines of difference to build relationships and work together on shared goals; and

**WHEREAS**, Charlotte is proud to be part of the Welcoming Cities initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, new and diverse residents are a vital part of our city, bringing fresh perspectives and new ideas, starting businesses, and contributing to the vibrant diversity that makes our city strong; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Charlotte is the workplace of diverse employees and strives to be an employer of choice, providing an inclusive workplace where people are valued and their ideas, backgrounds and experiences are respected; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Charlotte recognizes diversity as an asset and commits to create a culture and policies that ensure everyone can belong and thrive; and

**WHEREAS**, there are many Welcoming Week events happening throughout the city, hosted by community organizations, with the purpose of connecting our community in the spirit of unity; and

**WHEREAS**, by working together and taking action in the spirit of welcoming, we can make our community a stronger and more unified place where people of all backgrounds and nationalities create, thrive, and succeed together:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Vi Alexander Lyles, Mayor of Charlotte do hereby proclaim,  
September 12 - 20, 2020 as

## "NATIONAL WELCOMING WEEK"

in Charlotte and commend its observance to all residents.

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



*Vi Alexander Lyles*  
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Mayor