

# PROCLAMATION

## City of Charlotte/Mecklenburg County

**WHEREAS**, on July 26, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities. This legislation established a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities. On July 26, we will celebrate the 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the signing of the ADA; and

**WHEREAS**, the ADA has expanded opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers, changing perceptions, and increasing full participation in community life; however, the full promise of the ADA will only be reached if we remain committed to continue our efforts to fully implement the ADA; and

**WHEREAS**, Mecklenburg County and the City of Charlotte celebrate the contributions and achievements of people with disabilities and honor the goals of this landmark legislation; on the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Mecklenburg County and the City of Charlotte also celebrate and recognize the progress that has been made by reaffirming the principles of equality and inclusion and recommitting our efforts to reach full ADA compliance; and

**WHEREAS**, we celebrate those positive changes in our community so people with disabilities can be free from negative attitudes and architectural barriers; we honor businesses in our community for complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act by making their establishments accessible and usable to all patrons with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, we envision a community in which every resident is accepted for who they are and where all are welcomed with respect and given equal opportunities to contribute to the human experience:

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE**, Vi Alexander Lyles, Mayor of Charlotte and George Dunlap, Chair of the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners do hereby reaffirm to continue to work toward full ADA compliance hereby proclaim July 26, 2021 as

### "AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AWARENESS DAY"

in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County and encourage all residents of the city and county to recognize that the Americans with Disabilities Act has, and will continue to, improve the quality of life for all people with disabilities in our community.

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

*Vi Lyles*

Vi Alexander Lyles, Mayor  
City of Charlotte



*George Dunlap*

George Dunlap, Chair  
Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners

