



WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAMATION Recognizing June as National Hunger Awareness Month

WHEREAS, the Wake County Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of Hunger Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, 11% of people in Wake County are food insecure and 13% of children in Wake County are food insecure; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has a responsibility to care for the livelihood of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, as home to the state capital, Wake County should be leading the charge in the food security initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Wake County Board of Commissioners 2023 board goal: Community Health and Vitality, CHV 4, states that all residents should have access to food that is safe, affordable, nutritious and culturally and medically appropriate; and

WHEREAS, recently, the Wake County Board of Commissioners adopted updates to the County's Food Security Plan, thus investing an additional \$7.2 million over the next two years towards innovative ways to combat food insecurity and increase local food quality; and

WHEREAS, as part of Hunger Awareness Month, the Wake County Cooperative Extension will be hosting their 2023 Youth Food Security Summit on Friday, June 23, to educate and inspire the leaders of tomorrow to work towards a more equitable future for Wake County; and

WHEREAS, the tireless work of promoting food security would not be possible without the numerous non-profit organizations, government employees and dedicated volunteers committed to fighting hunger in Wake County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wake County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim June as **Hunger Awareness Month** and urges the residents of our community and communities across the country, to support this cause.

ADOPTED this the 17th day of June 2024.

Shinica Thomas, Chair
Wake County Board of Commissioners