



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PROCLAMATION  
Recognizing  
Military Appreciation Month and  
Honoring The Joel Fund**

**WHEREAS**, the month of May is nationally recognized as **Military Appreciation Month**, a time set aside to honor the courage, sacrifice, and service of our nation's active-duty service members, veterans, and military families; and

**WHEREAS**, Wake County is home to a large and growing population of veterans and military families, reflecting North Carolina's proud and enduring military tradition; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs works diligently to support, advocate for, and serve the needs of North Carolina's military community through programs that enhance quality of life, expand access to resources, ensure that no veteran or family is left behind; and

**WHEREAS**, local organizations such as The Joel Fund, based in Rolesville, play a critical role in strengthening our community by providing essential services, mental health support, and advocacy for veterans and military-connected families; and

**WHEREAS**, The Joel Fund's work exemplifies compassion, commitment, and community partnership, ensuring that those who have served our country—and their loved ones—receive the care and recognition they deserve; and

**WHEREAS**, during times of conflict and global uncertainty, including periods of war, the need for these services and for public recognition becomes even more urgent, as military families carry increased burdens of service, sacrifice, and separation; and

**WHEREAS**, it is both fitting and proper that Wake County honors Military Appreciation Month and uplifts the organizations that stand in support of those who serve.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Wake County Board of Commissioners that we do hereby recognize May as **Military Appreciation Month** in Wake County and commend **The Joel Fund** for its outstanding service and unwavering dedication to military families; and

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that we encourage all residents of Wake County to honor, support, and express gratitude to our service members, veterans, and their families, and to recognize the important work of organizations and agencies that serve them.

**ADOPTED** this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.

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Don Mial, Chair  
Wake County Board of Commissioners