



WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PROCLAMATION
Recognizing Ruby Bridges
Walk to School Day

WHEREAS, on November 14, 1960, six-year-old Ruby Bridges became the first Black student to integrate an all-white elementary school in the South when she walked into William Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans, Louisiana, escorted by federal marshals amid crowds protesting her presence; and

WHEREAS, Ruby Bridges showed remarkable courage and resilience in the face of adversity, serving as a powerful symbol in the American Civil Rights Movement and inspiring generations to stand for justice, equality, and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, Ruby's walk to school represents a pivotal moment in our nation's history, reminding us of all of the importance of equitable access to education for every child, regardless of race, ethnicity, or background; and

WHEREAS, schools and communities across the country now honor Ruby Bridges by participating in ***Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day***, a day to recognize the bravery of a child who helped lead our country toward desegregation and greater opportunity for all; and

WHEREAS, the Wake County Board of Commissioners is committed to fostering an inclusive, respectful, and equitable community, and joins in this annual observance to educate our youth about civil rights history and to celebrate the continued pursuit of justice and equality in our schools and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Wake County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes **RUBY BRIDGES WALK TO SCHOOL DAY on November 14, 2025**, and encourages residents to reflect on the ongoing work of building a more just and inclusive society.

ADOPTED this the 3rd day of November 2025.

Susan P. Evans, Chair
Wake County Board of Commissioners