



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PROCLAMATION  
Recognizing June 2024 as  
Vitiligo Awareness Month in Wake County**

**WHEREAS**, Vitiligo is an autoimmune skin disease causing loss of pigment from areas of the skin, resulting in irregular white spots or patches; and

**WHEREAS**, Vitiligo affects an estimated more than two million Americans and between 0.5 – 2% (about 1/100 people) of the population worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, Vitiligo can appear at any age and affects people of both genders and all races and ethnicities; and

**WHEREAS**, while the condition is not typically associated with physical pain, the psychological and social effects can be significant for many affected individuals, especially children and those with darker skin; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 15 to 25% of people with Vitiligo are also affected by at least one other autoimmune disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, researchers and medical professionals are working to better understand and treat Vitiligo, although there is currently no known cure, treatments are available that can help with depigmentation, especially if begun early and used consistently; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the leaders of the North Carolina Vitiligo Support Community group and its members is to support and empower individuals with Vitiligo as well as educate, advocate, and spread awareness; and

**WHEREAS**, Wake County encourages people to increase awareness, understanding, and support for individuals with Vitiligo in communities throughout the county;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wake County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim June 2024 as “Vitiligo Awareness Month” in Wake County and commend its observance to all citizens.

**ADOPTED** this the 3rd day of June 2024.

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Shinica Thomas, Chair  
Wake County Board of Commissioners