



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PROCLAMATION
Recognizing March as
Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Wake County commemorate March 2025 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month in Wake County; and

WHEREAS, this designation will formalize and expand upon the federal designation 38 years ago of March 1986 as "Hemophilia Awareness Month" and in 2016 when the federal Department of Health and Human Services designated March 2016 as National Bleeding Disorders Month; and **WHEREAS**, these bleeding disorders, including hemophilia, von Willebrand Disease and rare bleeding disorders; which share the inability to form a proper blood clot, are characterized by extended bleeding after injury, surgery, trauma or menstruation and can lead to significant morbidity and can be fatal if not treated effectively and affect millions of individuals around the world; and

WHEREAS, many individuals with hemophilia became infected with HIV and Hepatitis C in the 1980s due to the contamination of the blood supply and blood products; and

WHEREAS, this Awareness Month in Apex, will generate greater awareness and understanding of not only hemophilia but all inheritable bleeding disorders, including von Willebrand Disease and rare bleeding disorders, which affect millions of individuals around the world; and

WHEREAS, Bleeding Disorders Foundation of North Carolina will recognize March 1, 2025 as von Willebrand Disease Awareness Education Day and March 15, 2025 as Ultra Rare Bleeding Disorders Awareness Education Day; and

WHEREAS, this Awareness Month will bring light to the great scientific achievements in the treatment of bleeding disorders, for which there is no cure, and the greater pursuit of advanced therapies and cures to these disorders; and

WHEREAS, this Awareness Month will foster a greater sense of community among individuals with inheritable bleeding disorders and elevate awareness of and engagement in the inheritable bleeding disorders journey beyond our community to the general public, enabling the prevention of illness, unnecessary procedures, and disability.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wake County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim March as **BLEEDING DISORDERS AWARENESS MONTH**,

ADOPTED this the 17th day of March 2025.

Susan P. Evans, Chair
Wake County Board of Commissioners