



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PROCLAMATION
Recognizing August 9th as
National Book Lovers Day**

WHEREAS, the Wake County Board of Commissioners, recognizes the profound impact of literature and how the joy of reading impacts individuals and communities throughout history; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of National Book Lovers Day serves to honor the timeless significance of books in enriching our lives, expanding our horizons, and fostering a lifelong love of learning; and

WHEREAS, books have been a cornerstone of human civilization, dating back to ancient times when the earliest forms of writing were inscribed on clay tablets, papyrus scrolls, and parchment manuscripts, preserving the knowledge and wisdom of past generations; and

WHEREAS, throughout history, literature has been a catalyst for social change, enlightenment, and culture evolution, inspiring revolutions, challenging societal norms, and promoting empathy and understanding across diverse perspectives; and

WHEREAS, in Wake County, home to a vibrant community of readers, libraries, bookstores, and literary organizations play a vital role in promoting literacy, education, and access to knowledge for all residents, regardless of age, background, or socioeconomic status; and

WHEREAS, the impact of reading extends far beyond the individual, contributing to the economic, social, and cognitive development of our community, with research indicating that regular reading correlates with higher academic achievement, improved mental health, and greater empathy and emotional intelligence; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wake County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim August 9th, as **NATIONAL BOOK LOVERS DAY**, and urges the residents of our community, and communities across the country, to support this important cause.

ADOPTED this the 8th day of July 2024.

Shinica Thomas, Chair
Wake County Board of Commissioners