



## **WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAMATION**

### **Recognizing June 2025 as Vitiligo Awareness Month in Wake County**

**WHEREAS**, Vitiligo is an autoimmune skin condition that causes the loss of pigmentation in certain areas of the skin, resulting in irregular white patches; and

**WHEREAS**, Vitiligo affects over two million Americans and approximately 0.5% – 2% (about 1 in 100) of the global population; and

**WHEREAS**, Vitiligo can develop at any age and impacts individuals of all genders, races, and ethnicities; and

**WHEREAS**, while the condition typically does not cause physical pain, it can have significant psychological and social effects, particularly for children and individuals with darker skin tones; and

**WHEREAS**, roughly 15 to 25% of those with Vitiligo also experience other autoimmune disorders; and

**WHEREAS**, medical researchers and healthcare professionals continue to study Vitiligo, working toward better understanding and treatment options; although no cure currently exists, treatments that can help manage depigmentation are available, particularly when started early and maintained consistently; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Vitiligo Support Community and its leaders are dedicated to empowering and supporting individuals with Vitiligo, while also educating the public about the condition; and

**WHEREAS**, Wake County encourages its citizens to increase awareness, understanding, and support for individuals living with Vitiligo, fostering a more inclusive community across the county;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wake County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims June 2025 as “Vitiligo Awareness Month” and calls upon all citizens to observe this month by raising awareness, supporting individuals with Vitiligo, and promoting understanding within our community.

**ADOPTED** this the 2nd day of June 2025.

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Susan P. Evans, Chair  
Wake County Board of Commissioners