



Enloe Charity Ball 2017 RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Since 2004, The Enloe Charity Ball, a student-led movement, has been dedicated to fundraising for charities in Wake County and has raised over \$741,000; and

WHEREAS, The Enloe Charity Ball is good for students, businesses, and Wake County. Many have joined forces to contribute and support its Mission – *to inspire and impact our community through innovative, student-led solutions*; and

WHEREAS, Enloe Charity Ball is also an innovative initiative teaching valuable lessons and skills through experiential learning to the future leaders of our community; and

WHEREAS, Enloe Charity Ball 2017 selected the Raleigh Wake Partnership to End and Prevent Homelessness as its non-profit beneficiary and committed to raise \$150,000 to construct a picnic pavilion at the soon to be developed, County owned, Multi Services Center for those at-risk of or those currently experiencing homelessness in Wake. This Center is to open in late 2018 and will provide comprehensive, coordinated and streamlined access to services and resources with dignity; and

WHEREAS, For the 2016-2017 academic year (August 2016 - June 2017), the Wake County Public School System identified a total of 3,465 students who were homeless; and

WHEREAS, On December 9, 2017, the Enloe Charity Ball exceeded their initial fundraising goal, set a new fundraising milestone and presented the Raleigh Wake Partnership to End and Prevent Homelessness a check for \$180,000. This is \$30,000 over the fundraising goal and \$40,000 more than they have ever raised at one Ball;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Wake County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize, salute and commend the organizers, sponsors, and participants of this innovative student-led program. Be it also resolved that the Wake County Board of Commissioners extend best wishes to future Enloe Charity Ball events for ongoing success in raising awareness and funds to help address issues that impact Wake County residents.

ADOPTED this the 2nd day of January, 2018.

*Jessica N. Holmes, Chair
Wake County Board of Commissioners*