



PROCLAMATION

WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIMS APRIL 15-21, 2018 AS CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERISM WEEK IN WAKE COUNTY

WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week was created in 1974 when President Richard Nixon signed an executive order to establish the week as an annual celebration of volunteering;

WHEREAS, during this week all over the nation, active volunteerism and community engagement will be encouraged and celebrated, service projects performed, and volunteers recognized for their commitment to service;

WHEREAS, the giving of oneself in service to another empowers the giver and the recipient;

WHEREAS, community volunteers are among Wake County's most valuable resources, and are essential to support the operations of numerous county programs and services, including the Animal Center, Public Libraries, Board of Elections, Human Services, Parks, Environmental Services, Fire Services, and various boards and commissions. From helping children learn to read and caring for abandoned animals to protecting our natural resources and helping others exercise the right to vote, these everyday heroes make a real and lasting impact on the lives of Wake County residents;

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to empower and celebrate the resident and employee volunteers in our county;

NOW, THEREFORE, do we, the Wake County Commission, hereby proclaim April 15-21, 2018 as

Celebrating Volunteerism Week in Wake County

to recognize the profound impact of volunteers and the numerous ways they enhance our quality of life and improve our communities, and urge all our employees and residents to support and participate in the efforts of local volunteer organizations and service groups, and encourage all Wake County employees and residents to discover their own power to make a difference where we live, work, learn and play.

ADOPTED this the 16th day of April 2018.

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