



**Wake County Board of Commissioners Proclaim**

**Month of September 2018**

**As**

**Kinship Care Month**

**WHEREAS**, nationally over 5-million children are living with grandparents in Kinship Care placements, over 225,000 reside in the state of NC and 5,000 of these young people reside in Wake County, and

**WHEREAS**, grandparents and other relatives nurture relative children on a day-to-day basis, often from early childhood to adulthood. These relative caregivers unexpectedly put their life plans on hold to raise children, and

**WHEREAS**, relationships with family are essential for children and adults, and

**WHEREAS**, children have the greatest opportunity to thrive when they are raised with family members on a permanent basis, and

**WHEREAS**, Wake County is committed to work in collaboration with the community to develop and support resources for Kinship Care Families.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Wake County Board of Commissioners, does hereby proclaim September 2018 as ***“Kinship Care Month”*** in Wake County and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders, and businesses to include their participation in our efforts to support Kinship Care Families to ensure the safety and well-being of children.

**ADOPTED** this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 2018.

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Jessica N. Holmes, Chair  
Wake County Board of Commissioners