



2018 Enloe Charity Ball 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 \$745,000; 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;

WHEREAS, Enloe Charity Ball 2018 selected the Autism Society of North Carolina's (ASNC) new IGNITE Raleigh program as its beneficiary and is committed to raise \$200,000 to ignite awareness and acceptance for the 1 in 57 children who may be diagnosed with autism in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, until October of 2018, Wake County offered no easily acceptable support system for our young adults with autism exiting high school into the post-graduate life. As individuals with high-functioning autism finish high school, they are often for the first time without adequate resources or guidance to navigate the next chapter of independent living. The ASNC operates IGNITE Raleigh, a program that provides these young adults with social and community opportunities that help to build independence and relationships; and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2018, the Enloe Charity Ball will be hosted at Marbles Kids Museum in Raleigh to raise funds to support the ASNC new IGNITE Raleigh initiative;

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 3rd day of December, 2018.

, Chair
Wake County Board of Commissioners