

Item Title: Proclamation Recognizing April 7-13, 2019 as Celebrating Volunteerism Week in Wake County

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners adopts a proclamation recognizing April 7-13 as Celebrating Volunteerism Week in Wake County.

Item Summary:

By Presidential Proclamation, April 7-13, 2019 has been designated as National Volunteer Week. This proclamation is meant to focus one week a year on inspiring and encouraging people to actively support local volunteer organizations and service groups and celebrate those who give their time and effort to make a difference in their communities. This includes the volunteer firefighters who risk their lives to save others to elections officials helping others exercise the right to vote to the animal shelter volunteer who walks the dog awaiting its new home.

We will encourage Wake County employees to continue strengthening their communities through volunteer service. Effective January 1, 2018, the Board of Commissioners increased the amount of Community Involvement Leave available for County employees from one day to two days in support of volunteer service. This policy change lead to a significant increase in employee use of the leave, from roughly 6,800 hours in 2017 to 12,600 in 2018. During Celebrating Volunteerism Week in Wake County, we will provide employees with updated information on how to get involved in their communities and promote the continued use of this important leave benefit.

The County will formally launch the 2019 #ONEWake Volunteer Recognition Awards program on April 1. The #ONEWake Awards will recognize the county's most exceptional community and employee volunteers and highlight the various ways that ONE person can make a real difference in just ONE hour or ONE day. The 2019 #ONEWake award winners will be announced at a reception prior to the Board of Commissioners meeting on Tuesday September 3rd, 2019.

Attachments:

1. Presentation
2. Proclamation