



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PROCLAMATION
Recognizing Special Olympics North Carolina**

WHEREAS, May 31-June 2, 2019, is the weekend of the annual Special Olympics North Carolina Summer Games, which will be hosted at sports venues across Wake County for more than 1,700 North Carolina athletes; and

WHEREAS, 2019 marks the 51st anniversary of the global Special Olympics movement; and

WHEREAS, Special Olympics has become a catalyst for change and a force for social justice that uses sport, health, and education to empower people with and without intellectual disabilities around the world; and

WHEREAS, Special Olympics has nearly 40,000 registered athletes in North Carolina and more than 5.5 million in more than 170 countries for which it provides continuing opportunities to realize their potential, develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, and experience joy and friendship; and

WHEREAS, Special Olympics builds communities of understanding, inclusion, and respect, believing that when people "Play Unified" they "Live Unified"; and

WHEREAS, Special Olympics goal for the next 50 years is to end discrimination against people with intellectual disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Special Olympics is calling for people around the world to commit to making their communities more inclusive by supporting Special Olympics;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Wake County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims its support of Special Olympics North Carolina and congratulates all the athletes from around the state who will compete in the 2019 Special Olympics North Carolina Summer Games in Wake County.

ADOPTED this 15th day of April 2019.

Jessica N. Holmes, Chair
Wake County Board of Commissioners