



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PROCLAMATION
Recognizing the Month of September 2019
As Kinship Care Month**

WHEREAS, the family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem, and support, is the very foundation of our communities and our County. Children have the greatest opportunities to thrive when they are raised with family members on a permanent basis, and

WHEREAS, nationally over 5-million children are living with grandparents in Kinship Care placements, over 225,000 of whom reside in the state of NC and 5,000 of whom reside in Wake County, North Carolina, and

WHEREAS, grandparents and other relatives provide for and 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, it is our obligation to preserve kinship, sibling, and other family connections for children who live in Wake County, and

WHEREAS, the community is becoming increasingly aware of the challenges and lack of resources faced by grandparents and other relatives raising relative children; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wake County Board of Commissioners, does hereby proclaim September 2019 as ***“Kinship Care Month”*** in Wake County and calls 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 the 3rd day of September 2019.

Jessica N. Holmes, Chair
Wake County Board of Commissioners