

Board Proclamations

**Great Government Committee
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What We Need from Today's Discussion

- Any additional information Commissioners want to consider changes
- Feedback on applying Rule 1 to proclamations
- No action necessary

Definitions

- Proclamation
 - Announcement celebrating a service or group during a set timeframe
 - Kinship Care Month
 - First Responders Day
- Resolution
 - Celebratory statement supporting a service or group
 - American Legion 100th Anniversary



Current Practice

- 2018 Guidance from the Chair
 - If proclamation done in past couple years, automatically schedule it
 - See handout – Recurring Proclamations
- If external organization requests a proclamation, must request through a Commissioner
- Commissioners have requested additional proclamations
 - Special Olympics, Yates Mill Associates, Pam Dowdy retirement, Brenda Gibson retirement, American Legion, ERA, Women's Equality Day,
- County Departments have requested additional proclamations
 - SEV Workforce Development, Big Sweep Day

Seasonal Trend

- Fall and Spring – more proclamations
 - School is in?
 - Better weather?
- Summer and Winter – few proclamations
 - School is out?
 - Avoid the holidays?



What Other Counties Do

County	Lowest for a Meeting	Highest for a Meeting	Average proclamations per meeting
Durham	0	5	1.9
Wake	0	5	1.7
Guilford	1	5	1.4
Cumberland	0	3	1.2
Mecklenburg	1	3	0.9
Forsyth	0	2	0.5

Alternative Approaches

- Consider a maximum number per meeting?
- Establish criteria for Board proclamations?
- Limit proclamations to only those related to County services?
- Replace selected proclamations with letters from the Board?

Application of Rule 1

- Rule 1
 - Requires two Commissioners to request an agenda item
 - 10 days in advance
- Committee did not discuss application to celebratory proclamations
- Staff would appreciate committee feedback