



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PROCLAMATION  
Recognizing February 2020 as  
Black History Month in Wake County and  
Celebrating the Accomplishments of  
Mrs. Mary E. Perry**

**WHEREAS**, African Americans have played and continue to play significant roles in the history and leadership of Wake County's economic, cultural, health, educational, and political development while working tirelessly to maintain and honor their own culture and heritage; and,

**WHEREAS**, Wake County is blessed to be home to Mrs. Mary E. Perry, who has selflessly tackled many social issues on behalf of underrepresented citizens and the African-American community; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Perry devoted decades of her life to leading the Wendell-Wake County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), including 41 years as President of the Branch; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Perry served our community in many other ways, including serving on the Wake County Board of Health and East Wake Advisory Council for over 20 years; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Perry has received numerous commendations for her actions, including NAACP President of the Year Award, the NAACP Charles McLean Award, the East Wake Community Service Award, and many others; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Perry represents the best of what we can be, and we should all remember her motto "If I can help somebody, then my living will not be in vain;" and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wake County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims **February 2020** as **BLACK HISTORY MONTH** in Wake County and encourages all residents to join in honoring and celebrating the history and contributions of African Americans.

**ADOPTED**, this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020.

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Gregory D. Ford, Chairman  
Wake County Board of Commissioners