



**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE HEROES AND VICTIMS OF THE UNC CHARLOTTE MASS SHOOTING AND COMMITTING TO A PLAN OF ACTION TO ADDRESS GUN VIOLENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY**

**WHEREAS**, on April 30, 2019, the people of Mecklenburg County were shocked and saddened by the mass shooting that occurred at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, resulting in the tragic deaths of two students and the injuries of four more during the last week of classes; and

**WHEREAS**, the lives of students Riley Howell and Ellis Reed Parlier were taken from us far too soon, and the injuries suffered by students Sean DeHart, Drew Pescaro, Emily Houpt, and Rami Alramadhan were too much to bear; and

**WHEREAS**, the extraordinary heroism of Riley Howell and the quick action by campus police and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department surely prevented further tragedy and saved lives; and

**WHEREAS**, April 30, 2020 marks one year since this horrific attack; and

**WHEREAS**, so far this year there have been 83 mass shootings according to the Gun Violence Archive; and

**WHEREAS**, the prevalence of gun violence presents a threat to public health, a matter that is squarely within the scope of responsibility of county government;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim April 30, 2020 as the one-year anniversary of

**“A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE”**

in Mecklenburg County to honor and recognize the heroes and victims of the 2019 UNC Charlotte mass shooting, to recognize the spirit and resilience of the community and to allow residents and students to pay tribute to the people who were lost during this tragedy and bring awareness to gun violence in our community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners does hereby reaffirm its commit to developing and implementing a plan of action to address gun violence in our community.

Adopted this the 22nd day of April 2020.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Dunlap".

George Dunlap, Chair

