

Mecklenburg County, North Carolina Proclamation
February 2026

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County is home to a rich diversity of religious, spiritual, and secular traditions, and we recognize the importance of fostering mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation among all people; and

WHEREAS, in the spirit of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, we affirm that the inherent dignity of every person is the foundation of freedom, justice, and peace in the world, and that all are born equal in dignity and rights; and

WHEREAS, open dialogue and shared service among diverse communities help to reduce prejudice, promote empathy, and strengthen the social fabric of our region; and

WHEREAS, organizations like the Mecklenburg Metropolitan Interfaith Network (MeckMIN) serve an important role in building bridges between individuals, houses of faith, and other organizations to promote religious literacy, enhance interfaith understanding and trust, and serve the common good of our community; and

WHEREAS, Interfaith Harmony Month aligns with the United Nations' annual World Interfaith Harmony Week, established in 2010, which encourages a global culture of peace and nonviolence through respectful dialogue and collaborative action across faiths; and

WHEREAS, houses of faith, spiritual groups, and other community organizations throughout Mecklenburg County are intentionally creating vibrant spaces for the wider community—spaces that foster meaningful connection, mutual understanding, and collaborative service, and that help strengthen interconnectivity of our county;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of February 2026 as

Interfaith Harmony Month

in Mecklenburg County and encourage all residents to participate in planned events and activities that build connection, deepen understanding, and promote unity in our community.