



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PROCLAMATION
Recognizing May 3-9, 2026, as
Professional Clerks to the Board
of County Commissioners Week**

WHEREAS, the Wake County Board of Commissioners recognizes the vital role of the Professional Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, this annual celebration, first established in 1969 by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC), has been embraced by its members across the United States, Canada, and 15 additional countries; and

WHEREAS, the role of the clerk to the board of county commissioners is essential to maintaining an informed community and supporting effective local governance through clear communication among citizens, elected officials, and administrative departments; and

WHEREAS, the position of clerk—one of the oldest in local government—remains indispensable today as clerks serve as the official recordkeepers of their counties, carrying out responsibilities grounded in longstanding tradition and history; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 153A-111 requires each board of county commissioners to appoint or designate a clerk to the board to carry out all duties required by law or assigned by the board, including, but not limited to, the preparation, preservation, and protection of local government records, which are essential to accountability and transparency; and

WHEREAS, clerks strengthen their professional expertise through participation in the North Carolina Association of County Clerks to Boards of Commissioners, which, in partnership with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Government and the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, provides nationally recognized certification programs and ongoing professional development; and

WHEREAS, clerks, through their commitment to continuous learning, enhance the effectiveness of their offices and bring positive recognition to their counties by pursuing advanced education and earning profession-related certifications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Wake County Board of Commissioners declares May 3 through May 9, 2026, as “**PROFESSIONAL CLERKS TO THE BOARDS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS’ WEEK**” in Wake County and extends its appreciation to **Clerk to the Board Yvonne Gilyard, and Deputy Clerk to the Board Toni Womack**, and to all county and deputy clerks for the vital services they provide and for their exemplary dedication to the communities they serve.

ADOPTED this 4th day of May 2026.

Don Mial, Chair
Wake County Board of Commissioners