

By the Wake County Public Schools Board of Education and

Dr. Robert P. Taylor, Superintendent

## *A Proclamation*

Whereas, September 17, 2024, marks the 237th anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

Whereas, the Constitution of the United States is the cornerstone of our nation's democracy and embodies the principles of liberty, justice, and equality that have guided our nation since its inception; and

Whereas, North Carolina was one of the original thirteen colonies and was represented by three signers of the Constitution: William Blount, Richard Dobbs Spaight, and Hugh Williamson; and

Whereas, in 2004, the United States Congress enacted Public Law 108-447 recognizing September 17th as Constitution Day and Citizenship Day, while also requiring that educational institutions that receive federal funding hold educational programs on September 17th to celebrate the Constitution; and

Whereas, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17-23 as Constitution Week; and

Whereas, the observance of Constitution Week serves as a poignant reminder of the enduring significance of our founding document, encouraging citizens across the nation to reflect upon the values enshrined within it and the responsibilities they entail; and

Whereas, the Wake County Public School System recognizes the importance of educating our students about the Constitution's role in shaping our society, and fostering an understanding of their civic duties and rights.

Therefore, the Wake County Public School System does hereby proclaim September 17-23, 2024, as "**Constitution Week**" across the district. We encourage all members of our community—educators, students, and families—to engage in activities that promote the study and appreciation of our nation's Constitution.

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J. Christopher Heagarty, Chair

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