

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly has designated February 20 as the World Day of Social Justice, an observance adopted by Resolution on November 26, 2007; and

WHEREAS, in the World Day of Social Justice Resolution, they recognize the need to consolidate further the efforts of the international community in poverty eradication and in promoting full employment and decent work, gender equality and access to social well-being and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, partners in justice, Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy and Legal Aid of North Carolina help people facing issues of safety, housing and financial insecurity, and family stability; and

WHEREAS, one in three Mecklenburg County residents is low-income, and 71% of these residents experienced at least one civil legal problem last year, yet only 14% received legal help for their civil legal problem; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy and Legal Aid of North Carolina - Charlotte will host the Access to Justice Breakfast on February 20, 2025, coinciding with World Social Justice Day, to shine a light on the critical work they do in our community and to raise funds that help more Charlotteans access legal solutions to barriers in employment, education, safety, housing, healthcare, and other fundamental needs of life:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Vi Alexander Lyles, Mayor of Charlotte, do hereby proclaim February 20, 2025 as

"ACCESS TO JUSTICE DAY"

in Charlotte and commend its observance to all residents.

WITNESS MY HAND and the Official Seal of the City of Charlotte.

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Mayor