



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, National Minority Enterprise Development Week also known as National MED Week, is observed in October to recognize and celebrate the achievements and contributions of the minority business enterprise community; and,

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina agencies, municipalities, and organizations host events to honor small, minority, and women-owned businesses; and,

**WHEREAS**, The City of Raleigh encourages and actively seeks a minimum of 15% participation by Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE) for all advertised projects; and,

**WHEREAS**, The MWBE Program increases opportunities for historically underutilized businesses and promotes diversity and inclusion which is one of the organization values for the City; and,

**WHEREAS**, Creating and operating a business is a cornerstone of the American Dream and the City of Raleigh believes that dream belongs to everyone and celebrates the accomplishments of our MWBEs and value the many ways that our community is enriched by them.

**NOW, THEREFORE, do I**, Mary-Ann Baldwin, Mayor of the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 8-14, 2023, as

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and, encourage all residents of Raleigh to get to know their local MWBEs business owners and work together to celebrate their accomplishments.



**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of

*Mary-Ann Baldwin*

Mary-Ann Baldwin  
Mayor

