



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina college basketball has a long and storied history, with strong regional rivalries and an especially fierce spirit of competition, especially on the basketball court; and,

WHEREAS, Veteran Coaches Kevin Keatts and Wes Moore took it up a notch this year, leading the Men’s and Women’s teams, respectively, to the **FINAL FOUR** with season records of 26 wins and 15 losses for the men and 31 wins and 7 losses for the women; and,

WHEREAS, The Women’s Team, referring to themselves as “Party Crashers” after being underdogs in the pre-season polls, rallied to beat second-seeded Stanford and then number one seed Texas to earn their spot in the Final Four; and,

WHEREAS, The Men’s Team had to win five straight games in the ACC Tournament (beating local rivals Duke and UNC), and then, with a heart-stopping, buzzer-beating three pointer, forced an overtime win over Virginia on their way to becoming the 2024 ACC Tournament Champions and securing a bid to the NCAA Men’s Division 1 Tournament; and,

WHEREAS, Residents, alumni and students rallied behind the teams, cheering them on in the true spirit of “March Madness,” with thousands celebrating each win at the storied Bell Tower, lit up in red in all its glory, with everyone believing, “Why Not Us?”; and,

WHEREAS, Following these fantastic runs, the season ended with the Men’s team falling to Purdue, the #1 ranked team from the Midwest Region, and the Women’s team falling to South Carolina, the #1 ranked team from the SEC; and,

WHEREAS, During this run, the words of NC State’s legendary basketball coach Jim Valvano came back to us after 43 years, reminding us: “Don’t give up. Don’t ever give up.” Watching these two teams, it is clear – **THEY NEVER GAVE UP**. Thank you, players, for making us proud, for being an inspiration to all and for bringing our community together.

NOW, THEREFORE, do I, Mary-Ann Baldwin, Mayor of the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 15, 2024

NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY MEN’S AND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL DAY



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 15th day of April 2024.

Mary-Ann Baldwin

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Mayor