



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina reported its first case of COVID-19 on March 3, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, North Carolina has experienced nearly 845,000 COVID cases and 11,000 deaths, Wake County more than 73,000 COVID cases and more than 500 deaths; and,

WHEREAS, the United States has recently surpassed 500,000 deaths from COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has taken a physical, mental and emotional toll on our health care community, first responders, essential workers and all residents of Raleigh; and,

WHEREAS, our county, state and nation are grieving the lives lost and coping with ongoing personal, financial, economic and other impacts of the pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, we continue to fight the pandemic by working together to care for those battling the virus, researching treatments and prevention, and vaccinating our residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, do I, Mary-Ann Baldwin, Mayor of the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, March 3, 2021, one year after North Carolina reported its first case of COVID-19, in the City of Raleigh as

COVID-19 REFLECTION DAY

and encourage all citizens of Raleigh to reflect on the lives lost, the severe impact the pandemic has had on each and every person in Raleigh, and appreciate the hard work, dedication and sacrifices of people who have served and continue to serve our community during the pandemic.



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 3rd day of March 2021.

Mary-Ann Baldwin

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Mayor