



Proclamation of the Town of Rolesville  
Mayor and Board of Commissioners

**NORTH EAST WAKE BACKPACK BUDDIES**

**WHEREAS**, North East Wake Backpack Buddies began as a youth mission at Rolesville Baptist Church in 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, in September 2001, North East Wake Backpack Buddies separated from the church, becoming its own 501(c)3 non-profit organization; and

**WHEREAS**, North East Wake Backpack Buddies is led by a part-time executive director, thirteen board members, and many volunteers; and

**WHEREAS**, North East Wake Backpack Buddies is funded from grants and private donations; and

**WHEREAS**, bags are packed by volunteers and contain kid-friendly food and are provided anonymously for weekend meals and snacks to children identified as “food insecure” by teachers, counselors, and social workers at schools in Rolesville, Wake Forest, Raleigh, Zebulon, and Knightdale; and

**WHEREAS**, food is sourced from The Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina, neighbors in Bedford at Falls River and Courtyard at Heritage Grove communities, collections by area businesses and individuals, and necessary purchases made at area stores; and

**WHEREAS**, 450 children are provided bags each week and the program is slated to deliver over 16,000 weekend bags during the 2023-2024 school year with 14,913 bags delivered in the 2022-2023 school year and 13,652 delivered in the 2021-2022 school year.

**NOW THEREFORE** I, Ronnie I. Currin, Mayor of the Town of Rolesville, do hereby proclaim North East Wake Backpack Buddies to be an irreplaceable treasure and remarkable organization that is vital to the children in our communities, and urge the citizens of Rolesville to donate and/or volunteer in support of this wonderful organization.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

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Ronnie I. Currin, Mayor