

# Board of County Commissioners



# Proclamation

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**hereas:** schools make substantial contributions to the future of America and to the development of our nation's young people as knowledgeable, responsible and productive citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** excellence in education is dependent on safe, secure and peaceful school settings; and

**WHEREAS,** it is the responsibility of all citizens to enhance the learning experiences of young people by ensuring equitable and effective classroom management, providing behavioral and mental health supportive services, offering opportunities for conflict resolution and mediation and building quality school facilities that promote safety and security; and

**WHEREAS,** all leaders, especially those in education, law enforcement, government and business, should collaborate with each other and the National School Safety Center, a partnership between the US Department of Justice and US Department of Education, to focus public attention on school safety and identify, develop and promote innovative answers to this critical issue; and

**WHEREAS,** the Guilford County Board of Commissioners has taken steps to address the critical infrastructure needs in our schools and provide crucial safety and technology upgrades; and

**WHEREAS,** in alignment with this model of collaboration and innovation to develop solutions that create safe schools, the Board of Commissioners have worked with Guilford County Schools (GCS) Board of Education and staff to allocate \$5 million towards improvements for in-building emergency responder communications enhancement solutions for GCS facilities to enhance public safety communication capabilities for Law Enforcement, Fire and EMS personnel during emergencies; and

**WHEREAS,** in partnership with GCS, Guilford County and municipal law enforcement agencies recruit, train and equip School Resource Officers with the appropriate skills to offer a stabilizing presence in our schools that helps administrators, teachers and support staff promote a safe and secure environment for our students to achieve and learn; and

**WHEREAS,** the observance of America's Safe Schools Week will substantially encourage efforts to provide all our nation's schools with positive and safe learning climates.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Guilford County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim the week of October 16-22 as

## AMERICA'S SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK

and encourage our local government, education, community, non-profit and corporate partners to continue working together to make our nation's schools secure places for growing, learning and teaching.

**ADOPTED** this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022.



In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the corporate seal of the County of Guilford to be affixed, this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022.

Melvin "Skip" Alston, Chairman  
Guilford County Board of Commissioners