CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION

A Proclamation by the Executive Committee

WHEREAS, Fire Chief Mark Anthony Melvin is a dedicated and exceptional public servant who has loyally provided forty-one (41) years of public service, having faithfully served both as a volunteer firefighter and career fire officer and Chief to the citizens of Hope Mills, Fuquay-Varina, Concord, Stoney Point and our soldiers and civilians at Fort Bragg / Fort Liberty Fire Department's, Cumberland County, and the Great State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Fire Chief Mark Anthony Melvin's remarkable dedication, passion and his exceptional twenty-five (25) years of service as association secretary, while concurrently and tirelessly serving on numerous committees, providing invaluable insights and guidance that have been unrivaled throughout his tenure; and

WHEREAS, Fire Chief Mark Anthony Melvin in addition to his fire service career, served as a sworn law enforcement officer for the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office and the Holly Springs Police Department, serving honorably; and

WHEREAS, the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association recognizes his exceptional public service achievements throughout his long and extraordinary membership and volunteer service, and commends him for a job very well done; and

WHEREAS, Fire Chief Mark Anthony Melvin, a devoted husband, father, and grandfather is described by his contemporaries, friends, and fellow chiefs' as a caring true friend, positive, professional, helpful, understanding and always available; and

WHEREAS, Fire Chief Mark Anthony Melvin's long serving term as Fire Chief ends on December 31, 2023; and he will sincerely be missed, both professionally and personally by all who have had the pleasure to have known him and the good fortune to collaborate with him; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the members of the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association, Cumberland County, and the Great State of North Carolina, we would like to thank and honor Fire Chief Mark Anthony Melvin for his many years of devoted and honorable public service to our Association, County and State; and

WHEREAS, Fire Chief Mark Anthony Melvin applied for and meets all the pre-requisites as outlined in Article 2, Section 3.4.1 of the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association By-Laws pertaining to Honorary Lifetime Membership;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FREDDY L. JOHNSON SR., PRESIDENT OF THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION, do hereby proclaim <u>ALL THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP</u> to and in honor of

Fire Chief Mark Anthony Melvin

In Witness Thereof this 18th day of December 2023



JOSHUA D. HOPKINS
Assistant Fire Chief / Secretary

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