

Proclamation Honoring the Life and Service of Councilman Marlon A. Lee

WHEREAS, the Town of Smithfield honors the life of Councilman Marlon A. Lee, a beloved and dedicated public servant who faithfully represented District 1, encompassing the East Smithfield community, with distinction and integrity since his election to the Town Council in December of 2013; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Lee served with unwavering commitment to justice, compassion, and the well-being of our residents, always advocating for those whose voices too often went unheard, and working tirelessly to build a more inclusive, engaged, and vibrant community; and

WHEREAS, beyond his service in government, Marlon A. Lee was a pillar of leadership in education and youth development, serving as the Athletic Director and Head Coach of the girls' basketball team at Clayton High School, where he not only taught the fundamentals of sport, but instilled in his students the values of teamwork, discipline, and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, Marlon further extended his positive influence through his founding leadership of the *Men of Distinction* program at Clayton High School—a transformative initiative designed to nurture character, leadership, and service in young men, empowering the next generation to rise with purpose and principle; and

WHEREAS, a proud 1999 graduate of Saint Augustine's College, Marlon etched his name into collegiate history as a key leader of the 1997 CIAA Basketball Championship team, demonstrating excellence both on and off the court; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Lee embodied the highest ideals of brotherhood and service as a proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., through which he continued to uplift and support those around him with selfless dedication; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Lee's legacy of heartfelt service, humble leadership, and fierce advocacy for his community will endure far beyond his years, serving as a guiding light for current and future leaders of Smithfield and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Marlon will be remembered not only for his public accomplishments, but also for his deep compassion, boundless encouragement, and his sincere devotion to the "little person"—always offering a listening ear, a helping hand, and a caring heart;

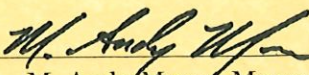
WHEREAS, the Town of Smithfield hereby honors the life, service, and enduring legacy of **Councilman Marlon A. Lee**, and expresses its deepest gratitude for his remarkable contributions to our town.

NOW, THEREFORE I, M. Andy Moore do hereby recognize and honor **Marlon A. Lee**, and do hereby proclaim **June 3, 2025** as

Marlon A. Lee Day

in Smithfield, North Carolina. Let it be known that Councilman Marlon A. Lee's memory will forever be etched in the heart of Smithfield, and his example will continue to inspire us all to serve with love, courage, and purpose. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, colleagues, and all who were touched by his life.




M. Andy Moore, Mayor