



PROCLAMATION *of the* TOWN OF KNIGHTDALE

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF DR. MARVIN CONNELLY

WHEREAS, educators empower students with knowledge and skills, foster personal growth, and enable students to contribute meaningfully to their communities; and

WHEREAS, educators also enhance critical thinking, problem-solving abilities, and overall decision-making, leading to more informed and engaged citizens and members of society; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Marvin Connelly was the first Principal of Knightdale High School, serving for two years after the school's opening in 2004; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong educator, Dr. Connelly officially retired on July 1, 2025 from his role as Cumberland County School Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Connelly received many accolades over his career including recognition as 2024 North Carolina Superintendent of the Year, Order of the Long Leaf Pine from the Governor of North Carolina, and was presented the Key to the City of Fayetteville; and

WHEREAS, the lifelong work of educators such as Dr. Connelly facilitates and promotes economic growth, reduces inequalities, and fosters a more inclusive and peaceful society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Jessica Day, Mayor of the Town of Knightdale, North Carolina, do hereby express sincere appreciation to Dr. Marvin Connelly for his dedicated service to the education system in North Carolina, offer congratulations on his retirement, and extend best wishes for this new and exciting chapter ahead.

This the 19th day of November, 2025

Jessica Day, Mayor

Heather M. Smith, Town Clerk