



# CITY OF MONROE

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## PROCLAMATION CREATING SPECIAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES COMMITTEE P-2024-05

**WHEREAS**, the care and treatment of residents with disabilities and those with special needs is a source of concern in the City of Monroe which needs to be addressed in a humane and caring way; and,

**WHEREAS**, currently there are numerous programs, both public and private, in Union County and the City of Monroe providing needed services to our residents with disabilities and special needs; and,

**WHEREAS**, the residents of the City of Monroe should be concerned about the adequacy of existing services and the care of the City's residents with disabilities and special needs; and,

**WHEREAS**, the services provided by the City should be open, accessible, and adequate for all its residents including residents with disabilities and special needs; and,

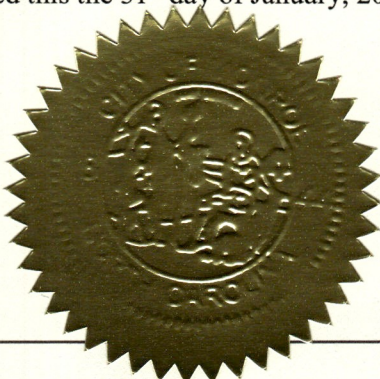
**WHEREAS**, the City should address whether additional services such as transportation and activities for residents with disabilities are needed; and,

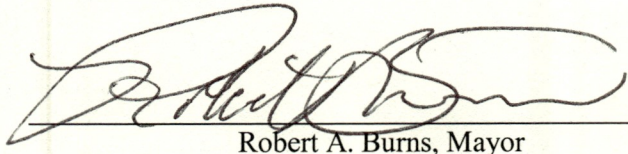
**WHEREAS**, as Mayor of the City of Monroe, it is my desire to form a multidisciplinary committee involving governmental agencies, nonprofit agencies involved in providing services to residents with disabilities and special needs, local ministries, and the business community to investigate and make recommendations to the Monroe City Council on the adequacy of services for residents with disabilities and the need for additional services by the City of Monroe.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Robert A. Burns, by the virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor and pursuant to §32.300 of the Monroe Code of Ordinances do hereby create and establish the Special Needs and Disabilities Committee as a Mayoral Committee of the City of Monroe. The purpose of the Committee is to investigate the status and adequacy of services by public and private agencies to residents with disabilities and special needs and make recommendations to the Monroe City Council regarding additional services needed, and to investigate whether the City currently provides adequate open access and accommodation for facilities and services, and any other matters the Committee deems relevant. The Committee shall have up to twelve (12) months in which to conduct its business and make a final report with recommendations to City Council.

The Special Needs and Disabilities Committee shall be composed of one (1) sitting City Council member who shall also serve as Chair and voting member of the Committee. In addition, there shall be up to four (4) non-Council members representing various governmental agencies, non-profit agencies providing services, faith ministries, and the business community, each of which to be appointed as required by Ordinance. The Committee shall be considered a public body and subject to all rules and regulations contained in the North Carolina Open Meetings Law (G.S. 143318.10 et seq.).

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Monroe to be affixed this the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2024.



  
Robert A. Burns, Mayor