



City of Winston-Salem

Proclamation

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

- WHEREAS:** A Bed and A Book is a community-based nonprofit founded by Anneliese Wall, dedicated to ensuring that no child sleeps on the floor by providing beds, books, and essential resources to children and families in need; and
- WHEREAS:** Since its founding, A Bed and A Book has delivered over 1,000 beds to children in need, directly impacting the lives of families across eight counties and restoring dignity, stability, and hope within the community; and
- WHEREAS:** The organization has mobilized hundreds of volunteers who generously give their time and resources, alongside strong partnerships with local first responders, including fire departments, law enforcement agencies, and several Wake Forest University sports teams, departments and civic clubs to identify urgent needs and respond with compassion and efficiency; and
- WHEREAS:** A Bed and A Book recognizes the critical link between safe sleep and a child's physical health, emotional well-being, and academic readiness, ensuring that each bed delivered is not just furniture, but a foundation for a child's growth and future success; and
- WHEREAS:** Anneliese Wall, Founder of A Bed and A Book, has demonstrated exceptional leadership, vision, and compassion in serving vulnerable children, while continuing to develop forward looking initiatives aimed at expanding impact and reaching even more families in need; and
- WHEREAS:** The work of A Bed and A Book reflects the very best of the Winston-Salem community bringing together individuals, organizations, and public servants in a shared mission to care for its children.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. ALLEN JOINES, Mayor of the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Monday, June 15, 2026, as

A BED AND A BOOK DAY IN WINSTON-SALEM

on the celebration of its 1,000th bed delivery and recognize and honor the work of Ms. Anneliese Wall for her dedication and perseverance in creating this program and making it so successful.

Given under my hand and seal this 15th day of June 2026.

J. ALLEN JOINES

Mayor