



City of Winston-Salem

Proclamation

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

WHEREAS: Families face serious health risks, and March of Dimes fights for their health by supporting research, leading programs, and providing education and advocacy; and

WHEREAS: March of Dimes is committed to mobilizing the nation by amplifying the voices of pregnant women and families; and

WHEREAS: In North Carolina, March of Dimes has worked extensively to reduce preterm births by improving access to care by closing the health insurance gap for individuals of reproductive age, eliminating maternity care deserts, expanding group prenatal care, increasing awareness of the impacts of implicit bias on maternal healthcare, and raising awareness of the importance of optimal preconception health as a strategy to reduce preterm births, infant mortality, and maternal mortality; and

WHEREAS: March of Dimes will continue its work in the community to address the maternal and infant health crisis of prematurity, as well as the social drivers of health, such as transportation and housing; and

WHEREAS: The month of November is recognized as Prematurity Awareness Month, and November 17th is recognized as World Prematurity Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. ALLEN JOINES, Mayor of the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 17, 2022 as

WORLD PREMATURETY DAY

Given under my hand and seal this 14th day of November, 2022.

J. ALLEN JOINES

Mayor