

# Mecklenburg County

## North Carolina

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the Center for Community Transitions, Inc. was organized as ECO, Inc. in 1974 by the Department of Correction, Vista volunteers and formerly incarcerated individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Center for Community Transitions is to strengthen our community by helping people with criminal records find a healthier and more productive way of living; and

**WHEREAS**, barriers to successful reentry include employment opportunities, housing options, transportation, substance abuse use, health and resource scarcity and family disintegration; and

**WHEREAS**, the work of the Center provides employment and transition services, supports alternatives to incarceration; and restores and strengthens family bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Center staff and board of directors believes that this community cannot simply arrest or build its way out of a crime problem, but needs to address issues of crime also through prevention, intervention, law enforcement, incarceration, rehabilitation, and reentry; and


**WHEREAS**, crime affects the whole community: individuals, children, families, businesses, and neighborhoods; and the continuum of the criminal justice system has multiple crisis points; and it is a community responsibility to assist with the crisis and transition events along the continuum for all parties involved; and

**WHEREAS**, The Center for Community Transitions, Incorporated is “building people, not prisons” through its four programs: LifeWorks!, Families Doing Time, Mecklenburg Sentencing Services and the ECO Center for Women;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, does hereby recognize The Center for Community Transitions, Incorporated as a community leader in reentry and transition services, and appreciates their partnership with the Mecklenburg County Sheriff’s Office in promoting public safety in our community.

This 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008.



  
Jennifer Roberts, Chairman  
Mecklenburg Board of County  
Commissioners