



City of Raleigh

North Carolina

CHARLES MEEKER
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, approximately 40 area churches formed 76 Support Circles to help more than 200 evacuees of Hurricane Katrina; and,

WHEREAS, as a national example of success for cities across the country, the Raleigh/Wake Support Circle program has received a national "Home for Every American Award" from the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness; and,

WHEREAS, more than 3,300 persons including 700+ children are homeless during the course of a year in Raleigh alone; and,

WHEREAS, following the proven Support Circle model, Raleigh/Wake faith groups are moving forward to help support and house local individuals and families who are homeless;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charles Meeker, Mayor of the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the winter of 2007 as **THE RALEIGH/WAKE FAITH BASED SUPPORT CIRCLE PROGRAM SEASON OF AWARENESS AND PARTICIPATION TO END AND PREVENT HOMELESSNESS** and during this season and time of cold, we ask all Raleigh/Wake church and faith groups, corporations, and individuals to learn more about how they may help to meet the needs of individuals and families who are homeless and living on our streets and in our shelters. We ask all Raleigh/Wake citizens to learn more about how they may participate in the Support Circle program by contributing to match City and County funding for this effort, to form Support Circles and help Raleigh/Wake move forward to meet the goal of Ending and Preventing Homelessness as we know it in the Capital City of North Carolina.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Raleigh, to be affixed this 6th Day of February, 2007.

Charles Meeker, Mayor



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