

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Charlotte Pride has, over the course of its 25-year-plus existence, risen to be the region's leader in LGBTQ visibility; and

**WHEREAS**, Daniel Valez has served as a leader of Charlotte Pride for more than 10 years and is a former president of Charlotte Pride; and

**WHEREAS**, Charlotte Pride was, for its first 17 years, led solely by a hard-working, dedicated team of LGBTQ volunteer leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, staff was added to the Charlotte Pride team in 2017 under the visionary leadership of then-President Daniel Valdez; and

**WHEREAS**, Daniel has been a friend, mentor, and moral compass for each staff person who has been a part of Charlotte Pride; and

**WHEREAS**, Daniel has left Charlotte Pride far richer and endowed with clear mission, vision, and purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, Charlotte Pride commits to continuing to advance a culture within its organization of curiosity, inclusion, and thoughtful and tough, but caring guidance for its staff and other emerging leaders:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Charlotte Pride does hereby proclaim a scholarship shall be named the

## **“VALDEZ VISIBILITY SCHOLARSHIP”**

to endow emerging leaders with support to carry forward the vision of Charlotte Pride, advancing our mission of visibility for all LGBTQ people in the Carolinas and beyond

This 28th day of February 2026.



Meredith Thompson, Managing Director and  
The Board of Directors  
Charlotte Pride, Inc.

