



PROCLAMATION A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION



NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL BRANCH

2018 IS THE “YEAR OF PROFESSIONALISM”

TO RECOGNIZE THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE’S COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONALISM OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS AND TO ENCOURAGE THE REDEDICATION OF NORTH CAROLINA LAWYERS TO THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF PROFESSIONALISM, 2018 IS HEREBY DECLARED THE “YEAR OF PROFESSIONALISM.”

WHEREAS, LAWYERS PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN THE PRESERVATION OF CIVIL SOCIETY AND ARE AN IMPORTANT FORCE IN PRESERVING GOVERNMENT UNDER LAW; AND

WHEREAS, THE FULFILLMENT OF THIS ROLE REQUIRES AN UNDERSTANDING BY LAWYERS OF THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO THE LEGAL SYSTEM AND OF THE PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH OTHER; AND

WHEREAS, IN NORTH CAROLINA, THE RELATIONSHIP OF LAWYERS TO THE LEGAL SYSTEM IS GOVERNED BY THE RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT; AND

WHEREAS, IN RECOGNITION OF THE NEED FOR THE EMPHASIS UPON AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF PROFESSIONALISM IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW, AS SET FORTH IN THE RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT, THE NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT ENTERED AN ORDER ON SEPTEMBER 22, 1998, ESTABLISHING THE CHIEF JUSTICE’S COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONALISM; AND

WHEREAS, IN HONOR OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CREATION OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE’S COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONALISM AND IN RECOGNITION OF THE CONTINUED VITALITY AND RELEVANCE OF ITS MISSION TO ENHANCE PROFESSIONALISM AMONG NORTH CAROLINA’S LAWYERS, JUDGES, AND LAW STUDENTS;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CHIEF JUSTICE, ON BEHALF OF THE NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL BRANCH, DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM 2018 TO BE THE “YEAR OF PROFESSIONALISM.”

MARK MARTIN, CHIEF JUSTICE
SUPREME COURT of NORTH CAROLINA