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Food Allergy Awareness Week Proclamation
May 10-16, 2026

WHEREAS, Food Allergy Awareness Week was established as a national week of encouraging food allergy awareness and supporting those who are impacted by food allergies and anaphylaxis; and

WHEREAS, Food allergies affect approximately 32 million Americans, including 6 million children; and

WHEREAS, the prevalence of food allergies appears to be increasing among children under the age of 18, which is two students in every classroom; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), between 1997 and 2011, the prevalence of food allergies rose 50 percent; and

WHEREAS, nine foods account for 90 percent of all food allergy reactions: peanuts, tree nuts, milk, egg, wheat, soy, fish, shellfish, and sesame; and

WHEREAS, there is no cure for food allergies, strict avoidance is the only way to prevent an allergic reaction; and

WHEREAS, anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that comes on quickly and has the potential to become life-threatening; and

WHEREAS, managing a food allergy on a daily basis involves constant vigilance and trace amounts of an allergen can trigger an allergic reaction in some individuals; and

WHEREAS, Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Connection Team (FAACT) is a national, nonprofit organization committed to their mission to educate, advocate, and raise awareness for all individuals and families affected by food allergies and life-threatening anaphylaxis; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor of the City of Lenoir, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 10-16, 2026 as **Food Allergy Awareness Week** in the City of Lenoir, North Carolina and encourage all residents to increase their understanding and awareness of this potentially life-threatening medical condition, improving the quality of life of the 32 million Americans affected by food allergies and anaphylaxis by visiting www.FoodAllergyAwareness.org.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Lenoir, North Carolina to be affixed this 4th day of May 2026.

SEAL

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Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lauren Hartley, City Clerk