



# CITY OF CREEDMOOR

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## Proclamation

**Honoring the life of former City Manager Merle Medlin Edwards  
December 22, 1931 – December 16, 2021**

- Whereas:** On behalf of the City of Creedmoor, I wish to extend our deep sorrow over the passing of Merle Edwards on December 16, 2021; and
- Whereas:** she was born in Franklin County, N.C. on December 22, 1931 and married Deward Edwards on June 3, 1948; and
- Whereas:** Edwards became the City Clerk and Tax Collector for the City of Creedmoor on December 12, 1979 and spent 22 years serving the city ultimately becoming the first City Manager as well as the first female City Manager in the city's history; and
- Whereas:** she served under Mayors I.W. Bullock, John Stallings, Otha Piper, Jr. and Darryl Moss and was a founding organizer of the Creedmoor Music Festival in 1991.
- Whereas:** Edwards retired as City Manager on December 31, 2001 but her service to the city did not end as she served on the 2004 Creedmoor Centennial Committee
- Whereas:** she served with pride and devotion to our community and believed that Creedmoor is a wonderful place to live. Creedmoor was fortunate to have her dedication and vision.
- Now, Therefore I,** Robert V. Wheeler, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Creedmoor, in recognition of her many contributions to our City and its residents, so hereby express our deep appreciation for her dedication to the progress of this community and extend the Merle Edwards family our sincere sympathy upon her passing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Creedmoor this, the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2022.

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Robert V. Wheeler, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Barbara Rouse, City Clerk