CITY OF CHARLOTTE PROCLAMATION 2016--02 HONORING RELAY FOR LIFE

WHEREAS, in 2016, the American Cancer Society will celebrate Relay for Life with a theme of "Carnival for a Cure", and

WHEREAS, on June 24 & 25, 2016 from 2 p.m. to 2 a.m., the American Cancer Society will hold Relay for Life for the 20th year in the City of Charlotte to encourage community participation in the fight against cancer and to support those battling this life-threatening disease; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte area participants are raising funds to assist the American Cancer Society in research and other activities to eliminate cancer; and

WHEREAS, participants have formed many teams to raise funds through various fundraisers prior to the actual relay events; and

WHEREAS, the Relay for Life is also a celebration of cancer survivorship and includes a victory lap for cancer survivors, which is an emotional time and reinforces the importance of this event; and

WHEREAS, during the Relay for Life, a luminary service is held to honor survivors and to remember those who have lost the battle against cancer, and luminaries are left burning throughout the night to remind participants of the importance of their contribution; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte is extending a challenge to area communities, residents, businesses and organizations to join the Relay for Life activities;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor Tim Lewis, do hereby proclaim the dates of June 24 & 25, 2016 as:

"Relay for Life Days"

in the City of Charlotte, and urge all citizens to increase their awareness of this disease and participate in this very worthwhile event.

Tim Lewis Mayor