



CITY COUNCIL

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the field of biosafety plays a vital role in protecting public health, scientific research, and the environment by ensuring the safe handling and containment of biological materials in laboratories and research settings; and

WHEREAS, biosafety professionals work diligently to develop and maintain policies, procedures, and physical containment measures that prevent accidental exposure to harmful biological agents and promote the responsible use of biotechnology; and

WHEREAS, the City of Raleigh is proud to be part of North Carolina's thriving life sciences ecosystem, home to innovative research institutions, universities, and biotechnology companies that contribute to economic growth and global scientific advancement; and

WHEREAS, ABSA International (the American Biological Safety Association) will hold its 68th Annual Biosafety and Biosecurity Conference in Raleigh, North Carolina, from October 24–29, 2025, bringing together experts from around the world to share knowledge and strengthen best practices in the field; and

WHEREAS, through continuous training, risk assessments, inspections, and education, biosafety professionals uphold rigorous standards that protect against biological risks and enable safe and ethical scientific progress;

NOW, THEREFORE, do I, Janet Cowell, Mayor of the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 24 to October 29th, 2025 as

BIOSAFETY WEEK



IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, to be affixed this 24th day of October 2025.

Janet Cowell
Mayor