



**RS-2026-02-01**

**RESOLUTION PLEDGING TO PRACTICE AND PROMOTE CIVILITY IN THE  
VILLAGE OF MARVIN**

**WHEREAS** the Marvin Village Council, the governing body of the Village of Marvin, North Carolina (the “Village”), recognizes that robust debate and the right to self-expression, as protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, are fundamental rights and essential components of democratic self-governance; and

**WHEREAS** the Council further recognizes that the public exchange of diverse ideas and viewpoints is necessary to the health of the community and the quality of governance in the Municipality; and

**WHEREAS** the members of the Council, as elected representatives of the community and stewards of the public trust, recognize their special role in modeling open, free and vigorous debate while maintaining the highest standards of civility, honesty and mutual respect; and

**WHEREAS** Council meetings are open to the public and thus how Village officials execute their legal duties are on public display; and

**WHEREAS** civility by Village officials in the execution of their legislative duties and responsibilities fosters respect, kindness and thoughtfulness between Village officials, avoiding personal ill will which results in actions being directed to issues made in the best interests of residents; and

**WHEREAS** civility between Village officials presents an opportunity to set a positive example of conduct and promotes thoughtful debate and discussion of legislative issues, resulting in better public policy and a more informed electorate while also encouraging civil behavior between residents; and

**WHEREAS** civility between Village officials is possible if each member of the elected body remembers that they represent not only themselves, but the constituents of the Village; and

**WHEREAS** to publicly declare its commitment to civil discourse and to express its concern for the common good and well-being of all its residents, the Council has determined to adopt this resolution; and

**WHEREAS** at least 75% of the Council has completed the NCLM Commit to Civility program requirements and commits to uphold the nine pillars.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

- The Village of Marvin pledges to practice and promote civility within the governing body.
- The elected officials of the Marvin Village Council enact this civility pledge to build a stronger and more prosperous community by advocating for civil engagement, respecting others and their viewpoints, and finding solutions for the betterment of the Village of Marvin.
- This pledge strives to ensure that all communication be open, honest, and transparent as this is vital for cultivating trust and relationships.
- This pledge strives to show courtesy by treating all colleagues, staff and members of the public in a professional and respectful manner whether in-person, online or in written communication, especially when we disagree.
- This pledge strives to ensure mutual respect to achieve municipal goals, recognizing that patience, tolerance and civility are imperative to success and demonstrates the Council's commitment to respect different opinions, by inviting and considering different perspectives, allowing space for ideas to be expressed, debated, opposed, and clarified in a constructive manner.

*Adopted this 2nd day of February 2026.*

*Joseph M. Barbara*

*Joseph M. Barbara, Mayor  
Village of Marvin*

*Angel F. Martin*

*Angel F. Martin, Mayor Pro Tempore  
Village of Marvin*

*Robert A. Marcolese*

*Robert A. Marcolese, Council Member  
Village of Marvin*

*John E. Baresich*

*John E. Baresich, Council Member  
Village of Marvin*

*Robert H. Nunnenkamp*

*Robert H. Nunnenkamp, Council Member  
Village of Marvin*

*Frank T. Eck IV*

*Frank T. Eck IV, Council Member  
Village of Marvin*

*Frederick Ilaraza*

*Frederick Ilaraza, Council Member  
Village of Marvin*

Attest:

*Austin W. Yow*

*Austin W. Yow, Clerk & Assistant to the Manager  
Village of Marvin*

