

City of Charlotte, North Carolina Proclamation

WHEREAS, Progress in Education, Inc. (P.I.E.) is a charitable organization established to support secondary school education in Ghana and to promote cross-cultural understanding among students in the United States and Ghana; and

WHEREAS, P.I.E. believes "education equals opportunity," and provides resources such as computers, biology models, chemistry and physics laboratory equipment and books to enable hands-on learning for students who otherwise would not benefit from such experiential learning; and

WHEREAS, P.I.E. provides scholarships to students in the United States, and supports inter-cultural exchanges for both students and teachers to allow them to effectively interact with their counterparts; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte's official connection with Ghana started in 1994 when former Congressman Mel Watt helped to form a committee to search for an African sister city, and in 1995 under former Mayor Richard Vinroot, Kumasi was officially selected; and

WHEREAS, this relationship opened the door for more connections between Ghana and North Carolina, including paving the way for a study abroad program between the College of Design at North Carolina State and the University of Ghana; and

WHEREAS, P.I.E. will hold the organization's third signature fundraiser event here in Charlotte on Saturday, September 24, 2016 at 6:30pm in the Crown Plaza Hotel, 5700 Westpark Drive; and

WHEREAS, P.I.E. welcomes all attendees and trusts that you will enjoy a fun-filled evening of support for this worthy endeavor:

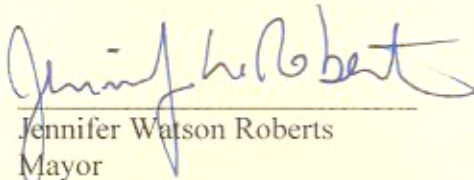
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jennifer Watson Roberts, Mayor of Charlotte, do hereby proclaim September 24, 2016 as

"PROGRESS IN EDUCATION DAY"

in Charlotte and commend its observance to all citizens.

WITNESS MY HAND and the official Seal of the City of Charlotte.




Jennifer Watson Roberts
Mayor