

# City of Charlotte, North Carolina Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Jazz is an original American art form that affirms the noblest aspirations of our national character, individual discipline, perseverance, and innovation; and

**WHEREAS**, Jazz has produced some of America's leading creative artists and ranks as one of America's greatest exports to the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Jazz has inspired dancers, choreographers, poets, novelists, filmmakers, classical composers, and musicians in many other kinds of music; and

**WHEREAS**, arts education and an appreciation for the contributions of all American art forms is fundamental to the citizens of Charlotte; and

**WHEREAS**, America's jazz heritage deserves to be appreciated as broadly as possible and should be part of education in both America's children and adults; and

**WHEREAS**, Jazz has spoken eloquently of freedom for people in the United States and abroad, and has become an international language that bridges differences and brings people of all races, ages, and backgrounds together; and

**WHEREAS**, we honor and recognize the outstanding work that all jazz artists, educators, and enthusiasts in the city of Charlotte present:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Anthony R. Foxx, Mayor of Charlotte, do hereby proclaim  
April 30, 2013 as

## "JAZZ APPRECIATION DAY"

in Charlotte and commend its observance to all citizens.

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



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony R. Foxx", written over a horizontal line.

Anthony R. Foxx  
Mayor

Tuesday, April 30, 2013