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**Working for children is always essential**

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Greetings:

Oh, how our world has changed! Six months ago, on March 3rd, the first case of COVID-19 was reported in North Carolina. We are in unprecedented times, and I remain thankful for the opportunity to serve Mecklenburg County and its children and families as a Juvenile Court Judge.



As we approach Labor Day, I would like to personally thank the broad array of essential stakeholders who met and continue to meet the needs of court-involved youth.

**Thank you to all essential team members!**

Our ability to transition many services to a virtual platform proved vital. Throughout the pandemic, I have been able to...

- Work diligently to ensure that the academic needs of **children** in foster care in the remote learning environment are addressed
- Preside over cases involving **juveniles** in delinquency court and abuse, neglect, and dependency court
- Provide support and accountability to **parents** in Family Treatment Court with substance use disorders, mental health needs, and domestic violence counseling needs
- Engage with **court and stakeholder partnership groups** responsible for developing, implementing, and evaluating remote hearing protocols
- Educate the **community** about support resources for

children and families and the availability of Court services

- Advocate for **social justice for all** through civic volunteerism and professional leadership initiatives

I am reminded of the sacrifices of all workers and the personal losses that many members of our community have experienced. This Labor Day, I honor, celebrate, and thank you for your fortitude, perseverance, and courage during these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,

Judge Aretha Blake

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