AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING A PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE "EDGEWOOD PLANTATION" (THE EXTERIOR AND THE INTERIOR OF THE PLANTATION HOUSE AND OF AN EARLIER LOG OUTBUILDING AND 26.610 ACRES OF LAND SURROUNDING THE MAIN PLANTATION HOUSE) AS HISTORIC PROPERTY, SAID PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11124 EASTFIELD ROAD IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, AND RECORDED ON TAX PARCEL NUMBERS 027-171-20 AND 027-171-21 IN THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY TAX OFFICE.

WHEREAS, all of the prerequisites to the adoption of this ordinance prescribed in Chapter 160A, Article 19, Part 3B, as amended, of the General Statutes of North Carolina have been met; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, has taken into full consideration all statements and information presented at a joint public hearing held with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Properties Commission on the 18th day of February, 1985, on the question of designating a property known as the "Edgewood Plantation" (the exterior and the interior of the Plantation House and of an earlier log outbuilding and 26.610 acres of land surrounding the main plantation house) as historic property; and

WHEREAS, the "Edgewood Plantation House" is one of the few, relatively intact ante-bellum plantation houses extant in Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, the "Edgewood Plantation House," built c. 1853, was the home of Robert Davidson Alexander (1796-1863) and his wife, Abigail Bain Caldwell Alexander (1808-1899), both being members of prominent pioneer families of Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, the transitional Federal/Greek Revival "Edgewood Plantation House" is an imposing example of this motif in Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, the "Edgewood Plantation" contains an earlier home of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander, a log structure dating from c. 1830; and

WHEREAS, the 26.610 acres surrounding the "Edgewood Plantation House" have been continuously farmed since c. 1830 and, therefore, hold promise of archeological significance; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Properties Commission has demonstrated that the property known as the "Edgewood Plantation" possesses
special significance in terms of its history, architecture, and/or cultural importance; and

WHEREAS, the property known as the "Edgewood Plantation" possesses integrity of design, setting, workmanship, materials, and/or association; and

WHEREAS, the property known as the "Edgewood Plantation" is vested in fee simple to Margaret Darden McLeod.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina:

1. That the property known as the "Edgewood Plantation" (the exterior and the interior of the plantation house and of an earlier log outbuilding and 26.610 acres of land surrounding the main plantation house) is hereby designated as historic property pursuant to Chapter 160A, Article 19, Part 3B, as amended, of the General Statutes of North Carolina. For purposes of description only, the location of said property is noted as being situated on a tract of property at 11124 Eastfield Road, in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, and recorded on Tax Parcel Numbers 027-171-20 and 027-171-21 in the Tax Office of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

2. That said designated property may be materially altered, restored, moved, or demolished only following the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Properties Commission. An application for a Certificate of Appropriateness authorizing the demolition of said property may not be denied. However, the effective date of such a Certificate may be delayed in accordance with Chapter 160A, Article 19, Part 3B, and amendments thereto or hereinafter adopted.

3. That nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prevent or delay the ordinary maintenance or repair of any architectural feature in or on said property that does not involve a change of design, material, or outer appearance
thereof, nor to prevent or delay the making of emergency repairs, nor to
prevent or delay the construction, reconstruction, alteration, restoration,
demolition, or removal of any such feature when a building inspector or
similar official certifies to the Commission that such action is required
for the public safety because of an unsafe condition. Nothing herein shall
be construed to prevent the property owner from making any use of this
property not prohibited by other statutes, ordinances, or regulations.

4. That a suitable sign may be posted indicating that said property
has been designated as historic property and containing any other appropriate
information. If the owner consents, the sign shall be placed on said
property.

5. That the owners and occupants of the property known as the "Edgewood
Plantation" be given notice of this ordinance as required by applicable law
and that copies of this ordinance be filed and indexed in the offices of the
County Clerk, Building Inspection Department, Mecklenburg County Register
of Deeds, and the Tax Supervisor, as required by applicable law.

6. That which is designated as historic property shall be subject to
Chapter 160A, Article 19, Part 3B, and any amendments to it and any amendments
hereinafter adopted.

Approved as to form:

County Attorney