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*City of Kinston North Carolina*  
Office of the Mayor  
The Honorable BJ Murphy



BJ Murphy was sworn in as Mayor of the City of Kinston in December 2009 making him Kinston's youngest Mayor at age 29. In 2013, he was elected to his second, four-year term.

He graduated from Kinston High School in 1998, attended Lenoir Community College for his freshman year, and transferred to East Carolina University where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration in 2002.

Mayor Murphy has managed a casual dining restaurant, served as the downtown revitalization director, was VP of Operations for several Allstate and ERA Realty franchises, became a Business to Business Certification Trainer with LegalShield, and today he owns a social media marketing firm called Magic Mile Media.

During his time as Mayor of Kinston, he's led the community through two major hurricanes, Irene and Matthew. In the past eight years Kinston has become known for the nationally known eatery, Chef & The Farmer, and a local brewery called Mother Earth. Kinston is becoming widely acclaimed for its arts and small business Renaissance in the downtown area and is now home to the Texas Rangers Single A affiliate, Down East Wood Ducks.

Mayor Murphy serves on the NCWorks Commission, North Carolina Leadership Forum, Lenoir County Committee of 100, Lenoir County Transportation Commission and more.

Mayor Murphy has been married to his high school sweetheart Jessica for almost 15 years and they have two daughters, Gracy (9) and Kathryn (5).