PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 25 (9/25) 2026 AS DOLLY PARTON DAY IN THE TOWN OF BOONE

WHEREAS, Dolly Parton grew up in a one-room, dirt-floor cabin in the hills of Appalachia and epitomized the hard-working virtues of "mountain folk," as she was fond of saying; and

WHEREAS, despite becoming a worldwide phenomenon and one of the most influential, beloved, and awarded artists in American music history, Dolly never forgot where she came from; and

WHEREAS, Dolly lived her life by example, choosing kindness over bitterness and unity over division by embracing people from all walks of life no matter their beliefs, experiences, backgrounds, race, gender, sexuality, or religion; and

WHEREAS, Dolly demonstrated an enduring commitment to philanthropy and service by establishing the Dollywood Foundation, the Imagination Library, and the My People Fund; as well as her millions of dollars in gifts for pediatric cancer, infectious disease, and COVID-19 research, hunger relief, education, and Hurricane Helene recovery; and

WHEREAS, September 25, written as 9/25, provides a fitting tribute to Dolly and her iconic film and song "9 to 5," while giving our community an opportunity to celebrate her legacy and emulate her kindness; and

WHEREAS, I ask that every citizen in the Town of Boone, and beyond, do at least "One Good Deed for Dolly." Show kindness to a stranger, donate to your favorite nonprofit, or if you see someone without a smile, give 'em yours; and

WHEREAS, if every person in the Town of Boone, and beyond, does one good thing for someone else, imagine the difference one day can make; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE PROCLAIMED, that I, Mayor Dalton George, on behalf of the Town of Boone Council, do hereby proclaim Friday, September 25, 2026, as "Dolly Parton Day" in the Town of Boone and encourage all citizens to join us in this special observance.

This the 23rd day of September, 2026.

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Dalton George, Mayor

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Nicole Harmon, Clerk