Resolution
Earth Day & Arbor Day Celebration Week 2025

WHEREAS, Earth Day is observed annually to promote awareness of Earth's life-sustaining ecosystem, and the importance of preserving its integrity, through education and wise stewardship; and

WHEREAS, April 22, 2025 marks the 55th Earth Day annual celebration, and EARTHDAY.ORG has selected "OUR POWER, OUR PLANET" inviting everyone around the globe to unite behind renewable energy, and to triple the global generation of clean electricity by 2030; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Black Mountain practices energy conservation measures at Town facilities including LED lighting, waste reduction and recycling initiatives that includes recycling containers placed in parks, facilities and offices; providing recycling pickup services to Town residents, composting at the community garden; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Black Mountain practices water conservation and sustainability strategies that includes, but aren't limited to, river clean-ups, streambank restoration/live staking, stormwater management areas, rainwater catch basins and organic growing practices at the Community Garden, pollinator garden bed installations, removal of invasive species in parks, and use of biodegradable and eco-friendly chemicals at facilities; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska in 1972 and is an annual day of observance, (observed on April 25, 2025), and individuals are encouraged to plant trees and educate themselves on the vast benefits trees provide; and

WHEREAS, the Town's Stormwater Department hosts several events annually to raise educational awareness about trees and tree planting by providing free native trees to residents and educational information thus furthering the goals of Tree City USA and the Arbor Day Foundation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town of Black Mountain Town Council that April 20-27, 2025 be recognized as "**EARTH & ARBOR WEEK"** in Black Mountain and we encourage all citizens, businesses and institutions to celebrate Earth & Arbor Day, and invite citizens of Black Mountain & the Swannanoa Valley to attend the tree giveaway and memorial planting event on Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 10 a.m. at 304 Black Mountain Ave. in conjunction with Arbor Day.

ADOPTED this the 14th day of April 2025.

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C. Michael Sobol, Mayor

Attest:

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Wesley M. Barker, Town Clerk