BUNCOMBE COUNTY AG AWARENESS DAY
MARCH 24, 2026

WHEREAS, March 24, 2026, has been designated as National Agriculture Day to remind the public of the importance of agriculture to everyone, and;

WHEREAS, Buncombe County has over 1,000 farms and more than 78,000 acres of farmland which produce almost $35 million in cash receipts in Buncombe County, and;

WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Commissioners have recognized the importance of preserving farmland through its support of the Farmland Preservation Program, open space bond for establishment of conservation easements, and the goal of preserving at least 20% of Buncombe County, together this support helps preserve working farms and open space in Buncombe County and contributes to the economic health and environmental well-being of our community, and;

WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Commissioners have demonstrated the Commission's commitment to agriculture by forming an Agriculture and Land Resources Department which consists of Cooperative Extension and the Soil and Water Conservation District. Together their mission is to partner to provide science-based education, technical assistance and natural resource protection to sustain a healthy community, and;

WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Commissioners honor the immeasurable ecological and societal contributions of small farms as a measure of community resilience in the face of climate change impacts and food insecurity from natural disasters, and;

WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Commissioners recognize the strong development of the next generation of agricultural stewards as evidenced by the vibrant FFA (Future Farmers of America) and 4-H programs we have in our local schools, and;

WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Commissioners recognize that agriculture is a vital and fundamental part of the economic foundation of Buncombe County, contributing to the health, prosperity, and sustainability of our communities, and;

WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Commissioners appreciate the contributions of our diverse farmers, growers, agricultural workers, and families for their hard work and commitment to feeding our communities, preserving our natural resources, and building a resilient agricultural future for generations to come, and;

WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Commissioners recognize the importance of agriculture in our daily lives and the critical role it plays in supporting the diverse cultures, economy, and heritage of Buncombe County,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners hereby resolves and declares **March 24, 2025** as **Buncombe County Ag Awareness Day.**

This 17th day of March, 2024.

Amanda Edwards, Chair
Buncombe County Board of Commissioners