NATIONAL NURSES WEEK
May 6 - 12, 2026

WHEREAS, Registered nurses constitute the largest health care profession in the United States and serve as the backbone of our nation's health care system, and;

WHEREAS, Public Health Nurses in Buncombe County exemplify the highest standards of this profession through their service, expertise, and commitment to health equity, health promotion, preventive care, health screenings, outreach, and emergency preparedness significantly strengthens the well-being of our community, especially among vulnerable populations, and;

WHEREAS, Public Health Nurses in Buncombe County Health demonstrate unwavering dedication, compassion, and respect as they deliver essential services across Clinic Nursing, Care Coordination, Nurse Family Partnership, Communicable Disease, Mobile Services, and Quality Improvement/Assurance, and;

WHEREAS, Public Health Nurses in Buncombe County deliver critical frontline services including administering vaccines, conducting disease investigations, providing reproductive health counseling, supporting maternal and child health, and ensuring access to evidence based preventive care, and;

WHEREAS, Public Health Nurses in Buncombe County empower individuals and families by sharing their clinical expertise and providing support for informed decision-making, thereby reducing health disparities and improving health outcomes, and;

WHEREAS, Public Health Nurses consistently demonstrate leadership in emergency preparedness and response, including outbreaks management, community education, and coordination with local and state partners to safeguard public health, and;

WHEREAS, nurses hold the distinction of being the most trusted profession in the United States, earning this honor for 24 consecutive years through their commitment to care, compassion, and ethical practice, and;

WHEREAS, Buncombe County recognizes and celebrates the observance of National Nurses Week in appreciation of the invaluable contributions of its nursing workforce,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners proclaims **May 6 – 12, 2026** as **National Nurses Week** in Buncombe County, with the theme "The Power of Nurses" in recognition of nurses' unparallelled impact and contributions to health care. We urge residents to celebrate the essential role Public Health Nurses fulfill in protecting the health, safety and resilience of the Buncombe County community

This 5th day of May, 2026.

Amanda Edwards

Amanda Edwards, Chair
Buncombe County Board of Commissioners