BURKE COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LITTER SWEEP
SEPTEMBER 12-26, 2026

WHEREAS, the natural beauty, abundant natural resources, and exceptional quality of life enjoyed in Burke County are treasured assets that should be preserved through responsible environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, litter along Burke County's roadsides, waterways, parks, and public spaces threatens wildlife, pollutes natural resources, diminishes the scenic beauty of our communities, and creates unnecessary cleanup costs; and

WHEREAS, the Lake James Environmental Association continues to demonstrate its commitment to protecting Burke County's natural resources through its annual Lake James litter cleanup, bringing together volunteers dedicated to preserving one of the County's most treasured natural assets; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation conducts Litter Sweep, the State's biannual roadside litter removal initiative, providing cleanup supplies and encouraging volunteers across North Carolina to work together in protecting the beauty of our roadways and public spaces; and

WHEREAS, Burke County's Community Beautification Initiative reflects the County's commitment to maintaining clean, attractive public spaces, strengthening community pride, supporting tourism, encouraging economic vitality, and preserving the natural beauty that has earned Burke County the distinction of "Nature's Playground"; and

WHEREAS, residents are encouraged to support these efforts by participating in community cleanup events, preventing litter, and reporting areas of concern through the Community Beautification reporting tool available on the Burke County website.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Burke County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims September 12–26, 2026, as North Carolina Department of Transportation Litter Sweep in Burke County and encourages all residents, businesses, schools, churches, civic organizations, neighborhood groups, and visitors to participate in litter removal efforts, practice responsible environmental stewardship, and work together to preserve the beauty of Burke County for future generations.

Approved this 6th day of August, 2026.

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Jeffrey C. Brittain, Chairman
Burke County Board of Commissioners