Buncombe County Soil and Water Conservation District Day

WHEREAS, on January 8, 1951 in partnership with the General Assembly, the Buncombe County Soil and Water Conservation District was established, and;

WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Soil and Water Conservation District's mission is to conserve the soil, water, workinglands and related natural resources of Buncombe County by providing education, technical assistance, conservation resources and economic incentives to county residents, and;

WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Commissioners recognize the work the Soil and Water District's Farmland Preservation Program has done to preserve 54 family farms totaling over 3,118 acres and counting and supports agritourism through the development of the award-winning Farm Heritage Trail, and;

WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Commissioners recognize the significant impact the Soil and Water Conservation District provides via cost-share programs which support local farms in their efforts to protect waterways and build healthy and fertile soils, and;

WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Commissioners recognize the Soil and Water Conservation District for their strong development of the next generation of environmental stewards as evidenced by the award-winning environmental education programs, and;

WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Commissioners recognize the Soil and Water Conservation District's contribution to Tropical Storms Fred and Helene recovery by conducting over 700 site assessments which resulted in 257 projects funded through the Emergency Watershed Protection and Streamflow Rehabilitation Assistance programs (EWP/StRAP) totaling nearly $40 million in joint funding, and;

WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Commissioners celebrate the 75 years of dedicated service from the staff and Board of Supervisors;

NOW THEREFORE, the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners hereby resolves and declares September 15, 2026 as **"Buncombe County Soil and Water Conservation District Day."**