Ordinance # _____

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A ROAD CLOSURE FOR A
REMEMBRANCE WALK

Whereas, on September 27, 2024, Tropical Storm Helene ("Storm") devastated portions of Buncombe County;

Whereas, Swannanoa was hit particularly hard by the Storm and suffered catastrophic damage;

Whereas, in the midst of the tragedy, the residents of Swannanoa supported one another in remarkable ways and in doing so, showed the true strength of the community; demonstrating compassion, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to rebuilding;

Whereas, in remembrance of the tragedy and celebration of the on-going recovery, a walk to the Whitson Avenue bridge and river blessing is planned on the one-year anniversary of the Storm;

Whereas, the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners acknowledge that the walk and related events will require approximately 2.5 hours to install signage and traffic control, conduct the remembrance walk and related events, and remove signage, traffic control, and litter; and

Whereas, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 20-169, counties are authorized to enact ordinances regulating the use of the highways by processions or assemblages.

NOW THEREFORE, the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners hereby declares a temporary road closure on the day and time set forth below on the following described portion of a State Highway System route:

Date:	Saturday, September 27, 2025
Time:	9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Route Description:	Begin at 103 South Avenue, walk to the Whitson Ave Bridge along Whitson Avenue and across Highway 70 at the stoplight.

This ordinance shall be effective on Saturday, September 27, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. or at such time as signage is erected giving notice of the limits and times of the event and the implementation of traffic control to protect participants and guide vehicles around the event route.

Adopted this 18th day of August, 2025

Attest:

Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

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Sarah Scarnecchia, Clerk to the Board

By: _____

Amanda Edwards, Chair

Approved as to form:

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Amy Broughton, Attorney