RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF BURKE COUNTY IN CELEBRATION OF AMERICA'S 250th ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the year 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the founding of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the United States Semi-quincentennial presents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to reflect on our nation's founding principles and to celebrate the people, places, and events that have shaped our shared American story; and

WHEREAS, Burke County holds a prominent place in North Carolina and American history, with deep ties to the Revolutionary War, including the Overmountain Men who mustered in this region before the pivotal Battle of Kings Mountain on October 7, 1780, the Battle of Cowpens on January 17, 1781; and

WHEREAS, Burke County is home to significant historical landmarks, such as the Historic Burke County Courthouse (1837), the Charles McDowell House (1812), and numerous early settlements and structures that tell the story of our community's development; and

WHEREAS, the Burke County America 250 Committee was formed to recognize, promote, and coordinate local activities that honor the County's historic contributions and engage the public in meaningful commemoration; and

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WHEREAS, the Committee aims to highlight and preserve local history through educational programs, commemorative events, community storytelling, heritage tours, and public engagement initiatives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Burke County Board of Commissioners proudly recognizes the historical significance of Burke County in the founding and shaping of the United States and supports the ongoing efforts of the Burke County America 250 Committee;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board encourages all residents, municipalities, schools, businesses, civic organizations, and historical institutions to participate in and contribute to America 250 observances that showcase Burke County's unique role in the American story;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Burke County shall honor this milestone with dignity, pride, and public engagement to ensure that its historical legacy is preserved and celebrated for future generations.

Adopted this 15th day of December 2025.

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_____, Chairman
Burke Co. Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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Kay Honeycutt Draughn, CMC, NCMCC
Clerk to the Board