BURKE COUNTY

PROCLAMATION HONORING THE
250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

WHEREAS, on July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was adopted, establishing the United States of America as a free and independent nation founded upon the principles of liberty, equality, self-government, and the unalienable rights of all people; and

WHEREAS, the year 2026 marks the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America, known as the Semiquincentennial, commemorating two and one-half centuries of freedom, democracy, civic responsibility, and national progress; and

WHEREAS, the history of Burke County is deeply connected to the story of American independence and the founding of our nation, including the courageous actions of the Overmountain Men and other patriots whose service and sacrifice helped secure liberty during the Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS, for 250 years, generations of Americans have defended and strengthened the ideals of our Republic through military service, public service, community leadership, innovation, faith, education, volunteerism, and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Semiquincentennial provides an opportunity to reflect upon our shared history, honor those who came before us, celebrate our achievements, and inspire future generations to embrace the responsibilities and privileges of American citizenship; and

WHEREAS, that the Burke County Board of Commissioners expresses its gratitude to all veterans, active-duty military personnel, first responders, public servants, and citizens whose dedication and service continue to strengthen our communities and our Nation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED the Burke County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes and honors the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America and encourages all residents of Burke County to participate in commemorative activities, reflect upon the sacrifices that secured our freedoms, celebrate our Nation's rich history, and renew their commitment to the enduring ideals of liberty, democracy, and responsible citizenship.

Adopted this 15th day of June 2026

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Jeffrey C. Brittain, Chairman
Burke County Board of Commissioners