

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Asheville and the Board of Commissioners of Buncombe County desire to ensure that all citizens are involved in the economic progress; and

WHEREAS, the fulfillment of this challenge has become more realistic today, because of the significant contributions of minority entrepreneurs to our economy; and

WHEREAS, as we enter in an era of expanded opportunities in economic growth and development, and face the economic challenges ahead, it is appropriate that we encourage minority business owners by recognizing their contributions toward the continued economic development of our community; and

WHEREAS, “Minority Enterprise Development Week” is recognized by several organizations nationally for its importance as economic challenges continue at a national level; and

WHEREAS, Minority Enterprise Development Week of Western North Carolina, Incorporated has provided training and a week-long celebration of minority owned businesses for the past thirty-one years; and

WHEREAS, local observance of “Minority Enterprise Development Week” will be the week of September 14 – 18, 2015;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, Esther E. Manheimer, Mayor of the City of Asheville and David Gantt, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for Buncombe County do hereby proclaim the week of September 14 – 18, 2015 as:

“MINORITY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT WEEK”

In the City of Asheville and County of Buncombe and urge all citizens to join together with the minority business enterprises of our community in appropriate observances.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and the Seals of the City of Asheville and the County of Buncombe to be affixed this 8th day of August 2015 and the 1st day of August 2015 respectively.

**Esther E. Manheimer, Mayor
City of Asheville**

**David Gantt, Chairman
County of Buncombe**

