

Proclamation

OF
Public Health Month

- WHEREAS,** we hereby recognize and acknowledge 136 years of public health service to the residents of Buncombe County and all of North Carolina, and the immeasurable contribution of these services to safety and quality of life in our County and State; and
- WHEREAS,** public health measures to control and eliminate infectious diseases, improve environmental sanitation, and promote healthy lifestyle practices have been the greatest cause of improved health status and increased life expectancy for Buncombe County and all North Carolina's residents; and
- WHEREAS,** public health plays a critical role in eliminating health inequities and preventing chronic diseases and injuries, resulting in improved productivity and decreased health care costs for all Buncombe County residents; and
- WHEREAS,** across North Carolina, a continued focus on prevention has resulted in a 40 percent decline in heart disease death rate since 2000, a 45 percent decline in age-adjusted stroke deaths since 2000, and a 56 percent decline in birth rates for teens--ages 15-19; and
- WHEREAS,** Buncombe County is committed to a continues emphasis on prevention in public health and on helping North Carolina reach a better state of health through activities outlined in the Health North Carolina 2020 Objectives; and
- WHEREAS,** our communities work together to develop innovative solutions to health problems facing the people of Buncombe County and North Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That the month of April, 2016 be proclaimed

"Public Health Month"

in Buncombe County.

2. That this proclamation is effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the 19th day of April, 2016.

BY: _____
David Gantt, Chairman