## December 1, 2016 as Civil Air Patrol Day

**WHEREAS**, the Civil Air Patrol is a congressionally chartered, federally supported, non-profit corporation that serves as the official civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Civil Air Patrol is a volunteer organization that performs three congressionally assigned key missions: emergency services, including search and rescue; disaster relief operations and aerospace education for youth and the general public; and

**WHEREAS,** Civil Air Patrol is also tasked with homeland security and courier service missions and is the newest member of the Air Force's Total Force; and

**WHEREAS,** in its role with the Total Force, the Civil Air Patrol is credited with saving an average of 78 lives annually through search and rescue missions; and

WHEREAS, The Asheville Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol has been operating continuously since 1942 and through its cadet program has developed many up standing members of the community including fire chiefs; commercial pilots, traffic engineers and members of the armed forces; and

**WHEREAS,** December 1, 2016 marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil Air Patrol and this Board feels it appropriate to commemorate this day with a proclamation honoring their work.

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

1. That this Board does hereby proclaim December 1, 2016 as:

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in Buncombe County.

2. That this Board does hereby acknowledge and commend the members of the Civil Air Patrol for their dedication and accomplishments during their 75 years of service to the community.

Adopted this the 20th day of September, 2016.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

DAVID GANTT, CHAIRMAN