

## Buncombe County Ag Awareness Day

WHEREAS, March 22, 2022, has been designated as National Agriculture Day to remind the public of the importance of agriculture to everyone, and;

WHEREAS, Buncombe County has over 1,000 farms and more than 72,000 acres of farmland which produce almost fifty million dollars in cash receipts in Buncombe County, and;

WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Commissioners have recognized the importance of preserving farmland in the county through its support and funding of the Farmland Preservation Program, which helps preserve production farms and open space in Buncombe County and contributes to the economic health and environmental well-being of Buncombe County, and;

WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Commissioners understand the important role Buncombe County farmers and agriculture contribute to maintaining a strong economic base in Buncombe County; and

WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Commissioners recognize that Buncombe County farmers produce safe, affordable, and abundant food and fiber products that are used and consumed by Buncombe County citizens every day; and

WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Commissioners desire to recognize the vital role of agriculture to express their appreciation of agriculture's significance to Buncombe County;

NOW THEREFORE, the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners hereby resolves and declares March 22, 2022 as "Buncombe County Ag Awareness Day."

This 15th day of March, 2022.

Brownie Newman

Chairman, Buncombe County Board of Commissioners