

Of

BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY DAY

- WHEREAS,** a portion of the four hundred and sixty-nine beautiful miles of the Blue Ridge Parkway runs through Buncombe County, North Carolina bringing visitors from all across the nation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Blue Ridge Parkway is the most visited unit in the National Park Service system contributing an estimated \$2.3 billion to the region's economy annually; and
- WHEREAS,** the Parkway is one of the most biologically diverse places on earth containing a number of protected species of plants and more species of trees than all of Europe; and
- WHEREAS,** the Parkway has 26 tunnels, 151 bridges and hundreds of historic structures; and
- WHEREAS,** Buncombe County is proud to be the home of the Blue Ridge Parkway Headquarters, Southern Highland Folk Art Center, Southern Highland Handicraft Guild and the Blue Ridge Parkway Visitors Center; and
- WHEREAS,** the Blue Ridge Parkway is celebrating its 75th Anniversary and this Board is honored to have an opportunity to recognize this icon of American progress and ingenuity that winds its way through our County bringing recreational opportunities and a pathway to scenic beauty.

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

1. That September 10, 2010 be and it is hereby proclaimed

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in Buncombe County.

2. That all citizens and residents of our community be encouraged to recognize and celebrate the beauty and wonder that is the Blue Ridge Parkway.
3. That this proclamation be effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the 7th day of September, 2010.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR
THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE**

BY: _____
DAVID GANTT, CHAIRMAN