

OF  
**MAY, 2015**  
**FOSTER CARE MONTH**

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**WHEREAS**, the family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem, and support, is the very foundation of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, in Buncombe County the lives of hundreds of children and families are disrupted every year by crisis or conflicts in their homes; and

**WHEREAS**, in Buncombe County there are over 300 children and youth in foster care—care that provides a safe, secure, and stable home along with the compassion and nurture of a foster family; and

**WHEREAS**, foster families in Buncombe County open their homes and hearts to children whose families are in crisis, play a vital role helping children and families heal and reconnect and launch children into successful adulthood; and

**WHEREAS**, foster families are an invaluable resource and perform an extraordinary service by working in partnership with agencies to nurture children and provide an opportunity for healthy growth and development.

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

1. That the month of May, 2015 be proclaimed:

**"FOSTER CARE MONTH"**

in Buncombe County.

2. That all citizens be urged to recognize the important role foster parents play in the life of our community and be urged to volunteer their talents and energies on behalf of children in foster care.
3. That this proclamation be effective upon its adoption.

**ADOPTED** this the 5th day of May, 2015.

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

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DAVID GANTT, CHAIRMAN**