

Proclamation

Of

Agriculture Awareness Day

WHEREAS, March 21, 2017 has been designated nationally as National Agriculture Awareness Day to remind the public of the importance of agriculture to everyone; and

WHEREAS, Buncombe County has over 1,000 farms and almost 71,500 acres of farmland which produce over fifty-five million dollars in cash receipts in Buncombe County; and

WHEREAS, Buncombe County farms and allied agribusiness entities have a value-added total agriculture/agribusiness impact from Buncombe County of almost five hundred fifty million dollars; and

WHEREAS, tis Board recognizes 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 and contributes to the economic health and environmental well-being of Buncombe County; and

WHEREAS, this Board understands the important role farmers and agriculture contributes to maintaining a strong economic base in Buncombe County; and

WHEREAS, this Board recognizes that farmers produce safe, affordable, and abundant food and fiber products that are used and consumed by Buncombe County citizens every day.

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

1. That March 21, 2017 be declared

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in Buncombe County.

2. That citizens be urged to recognize the contribution that our local farmers make in the successful growth, development and economic health of our entire community.

Adopted this 21st day of March, 2017.

Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Brownie, Newman, Chairman