County of Buncombe

Proclamation

OF NOVEMBER AS

ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, *Adoption Awareness Month* is celebrated to call attention to the fact that every child deserves to grow up in a loving, nurturing, permanent home and that this experience lays the foundation for a happy, productive adulthood; and

WHEREAS, in Buncombe County, there are 303 children and 30 young adults age 18-21 in custody in Buncombe County; and

WHEREAS, 48 children achieved permanency with their forever families through adoption July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, there are currently 45 kids in protective custody who are legally free for adoption and in need of a permanent home; and

WHEREAS, during the month of November, Buncombe County Health and Human Services will continue to focus on children who need permanent adoptive families and honor families who have adopted children as well as those who work to address the impacts of childhood trauma through safe and stable forever homes that meet the unique needs of children in foster care.

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

1. That the month of November 2019 be proclaimed

ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

in Buncombe County.

2. That all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, businesses and others be encouraged to celebrate adoption and honor adoptive families by increasing their awareness of the issues of adoption and helping to focus attention on the need for adoptive parents and the children who are waiting for permanent homes.

3. That this proclamation be effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the 5th day of November 2019.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

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Brownie Newman, Chairman