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National Nurses Week

WHEREAS, since 1990, May 6th through May 12th has been observed as National Nurses Week, culminating on the birthday of Florence Nightingale; and

WHEREAS, Public Health Nurses in Buncombe County continue to play a critical role in responding to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, investigating cases, conducting contact tracing, administering vaccine and providing guidance & education to community members; and

WHEREAS, Public Health Nurses on a routine basis promote health by providing education, preventive health screenings, interventions and support in clinics, schools and the community; advocate for programs and policies to support health equity; and identify and implement evidence-based programs to improve health and empower individuals and communities to achieve wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, Public Health Nurses in Buncombe County deliver compassionate and respectful care while embodying the principles of ethical practice in their profession; and

WHEREAS, Buncombe County Health and Human Services and its Clinical Services programs have recognized the observance of Nurses Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brownie Newman, as Chair of the Buncombe County Commission serving Buncombe County, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 6-12, 2021 as

"NURSES WEEK" in Buncombe County and commend its observance to all citizens.

PROCLAIMED AND APPROVED this 4th day of May, 2021.

Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe

Brownie Newman, Chairman