

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 304 children and 40 young adults age 18-21 in custody in Buncombe County

WHEREAS, 35 children achieved permanency with their forever families through adoption July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

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 2021 be proclaimed

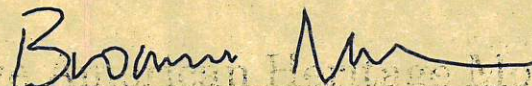
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in Buncombe County.

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 16th day of November, 2021.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE**


Brownie Newman, Chairman

WHEREAS, Buncombe County is committed to becoming an inclusive community that celebrates diversity and ensures all residents have equitable opportunities to lead healthy, peaceful, safe, and sustainable lives;

WHEREAS, in honoring the cultures, traditions and accomplishments of Native Americans that have shaped our nation, we also acknowledge the nation's history of colonialism that has inflicted discrimination, repression, violence and genocide upon indigenous peoples; and

WHEREAS, the area currently known as Buncombe County, North Carolina, rests on land that was first inhabited by the Cherokee, Catawba, and other indigenous peoples; and

WHEREAS, the traditional territory of the Cherokee people extended over what is today western North Carolina, eastern Tennessee, northern Georgia, and upstate South Carolina;

WHEREAS, we solemnly affirm that the continued population of the Cherokee people in 2021