

## National Nurses Week

Whereas, since 1990, May 6<sup>th</sup> through May 12<sup>th</sup> has been observed as National Nurses Week, culminating on the birthday of Florence Nightingale; 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 continue to play a critical role in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic by administering vaccine and providing guidance & education to community members; 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, Public Health Nurses intersect with programs outside the clinic to promote and support holistic wellness initiatives that aim to remove barriers to better health for our residents; and

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

Now, Therefore, Be It Proclaimed by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That May 6-12,2022 be proclaimed

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in Buncombe County.

- 2. That this Board does hereby recognize the essential function Public Health Nurses fulfill with regard to the health and safety of the Buncombe community
- 3. That this proclamation be effective upon its adoption.

Adopted this 3rd day of May, 2022

Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe

Brownie Newman, Chairman