County of Buncombe

Proclamation

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, 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 National Nurses Week 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