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County of Buncombe Proclamation

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recognition of the national **Labor Day Holiday** and to express our appreciation to
Whereas, workers serve as the backbone of the economy in Buncombe County and in towns, cities and rural communities across our country, performing the essential roles from growing food on our farms, building homes and manufacturing goods, teaching in our schools, providing health care, protecting public safety, preparing and serving meals in our restaurants and many other services to the public;

Whereas, the labor movement in the United States has helped bring about vital social change for the benefit of workers and created a stronger society, including the prohibition of child labor, creation of health and safety standards, expansion of the nation's middle class and creating the process for people to have an organized voice in their places of work;

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Whereas, in Buncombe County, to assure that all the people who work in our community can afford to live and prosper in our community, the effort to address concerns of workers remains a vital cause, to provide living wage jobs, safe working environments, affordable housing, health care, childcare and other needs;

Now Therefore, the Buncombe County Commissioners proclaim the week of September 4th to be **Worker Appreciation Week** in Buncombe County in recognition of the national **Labor Day Holiday** and to express our appreciation to all the workers in Buncombe County.



Brownie Newman, Chairman
Buncombe County Board of Commissioners