

County of Buncombe

Proclamation

Agriculture Awareness Day

WHEREAS, March 21, 2023, has been designated as National Agriculture Day to remind the public of the importance of agriculture to everyone, and;

WHEREAS, Buncombe County has over 1,000 farms and more than 72,000 acres of farmland which produce almost fifty million dollars in cash receipts in Buncombe County, and;

WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Commissioners have recognized the importance of preserving farmland in the county through its support and funding of the Farmland Preservation Program, which helps preserve production farms and open space in Buncombe County and contributes to the economic health and environmental well-being of Buncombe County, and;

WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Commissioners and Buncombe County residents support open space and farmland preservation through the adoption of the open space bond referendum in part to permanently conserve farmland for continued production into perpetuity, and;

WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Commissioners continue to support the establishment of conservation easements on the county's highest quality farmland and empower the Buncombe County Soil and Water Conservation District to hold these easements and annually monitor them to ensure no further development occurs, and;

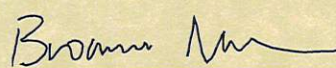
WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Commissioners understand the important role Buncombe County farmers and agriculture contribute to maintaining a strong economic base in Buncombe County; and

WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Commissioners recognize that Buncombe County farmers produce safe, affordable, and abundant food and fiber products that are used and consumed by Buncombe County citizens every day; and

WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Commissioners desire to recognize the vital role of agriculture and the unique and irreplaceable value that farmers, foresters, and other agricultural stewards bring to Buncombe County;

NOW THEREFORE, the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners hereby resolves and declares March 21, 2023 as "**Buncombe County Ag Awareness Day.**"

This 7th day of March, 2023.



Brownie Newman, Chairman
Buncombe County Board of Commissioners