

County of Buncombe

Proclamation

FOSTER CARE MONTH

WHEREAS, the family, serving as the primary source of love, security, safety, and support, is the very foundation of our community; and

WHEREAS, in Buncombe County the lives of hundreds of children and families are disrupted every year by crisis or conflicts in the home; and

WHEREAS, in Buncombe County there are over 360 children and youth in foster care—care that provides a safe, secure, and stable temporary home until permanent housing is identified; and

WHEREAS, foster families in Buncombe County open their homes and hearts to children whose families are in crisis and play a vital role in helping children and families heal, reconnect, and launch children into successful adulthood; and

WHEREAS, foster families are essential to the foundation of our communities and perform an extraordinary service by working in partnership with agencies and families to nurture children and provide an opportunity for healthy growth and development.

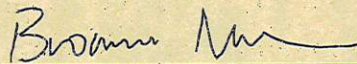
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That the month of May, 2023 be proclaimed:

"FOSTER CARE MONTH"

in Buncombe County.

2. That all Buncombe residents be urged to recognize the important role foster parents play in our community and volunteer their energies on behalf of children in foster care.
3. That this proclamation be effective upon its adoption, May 16, 2023.



Brownie Newman
Chairman, Buncombe County Board of Commissioners