

NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

MAY 6 – 12, 2025

WHEREAS, registered nurses in the United States constitute our nation’s largest health care profession and serve as the backbone of our healthcare system, and;

WHEREAS, nurses provide compassionate care, advocating for patients, and ensuring safe outcomes, and;

WHEREAS, Buncombe County’s Public Health dedicated team - including clinic nurses, Care Coordination, Nurse Family Partnership nurses, Communicable Disease nurses, Mobile Team nurses, and Quality Improvement/Assurance nurses and Public Health Nurses, embody the principles of ethical practice within their profession and exemplify unwavering dedication, compassion, and respect as they provide essential care, and;

WHEREAS, Public Health Nurses in Buncombe County play a critical role in infection disease prevention, including administering vaccines and educating patients about immunizations, and;

WHEREAS, our nurses facilitate seamless transitions of care and play a critical role in Care Coordination; their expertise significantly enhances outcomes for at-risk pregnancies and at-risk children, and;

WHEREAS, our nurses play a pivotal role in transforming lives, especially for vulnerable first-time mothers/families and their babies. Nurse Family Partnership nurses extend their impact beyond clinical settings, providing personalized care through home visits, education, and support. Their unwavering commitment bridges gaps in healthcare access, and;

WHEREAS, our nurses extend their impact beyond the confines of clinics, actively reaching out to communities through Public Health’s innovative Mobile Team. This dedicated team embodies the spirit of compassion, resilience, and adaptability as they provide essential care to those who might otherwise be underserved, and;

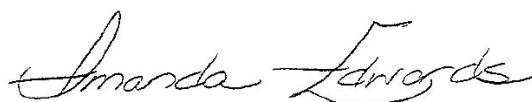
WHEREAS, Communicable Disease Nurses are pivotal in reducing outbreaks and play a critical role in safeguarding public health, and;

WHEREAS, nurses hold the distinction of being the most trusted profession in the United States, their unwavering commitment to care, compassion and ethical practice has consistently earned them this esteemed position for 20 consecutive years, and;

WHEREAS, Buncombe County Health and Human Services and its Clinical Services programs recognize the observance of Nurses Week,

NOW THEREFORE, the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim **May 6 - 12, 2025** as **National Nurses Week** in Buncombe County. The Board recognizes the hard work and dedication of Public Health Nurses and asks that all residents join them in honoring those who tirelessly work to improve health and safety in our community. Let’s show our appreciation - not just during this week - but at every opportunity throughout the year.

This 6th day of May, 2025.

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Amanda Edwards, Chair
Buncombe County Board of Commissioners