

PROCLAMATION

OF
MAY, 2011
FOSTER CARE MONTH

WHEREAS, the family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem, 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 their homes; and

WHEREAS, in Buncombe County there are over 200 children and youth in foster care—care that provides a safe, secure, and stable home along with the compassion and nurture of a foster family; and

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

WHEREAS, foster families are an invaluable resource and perform an extraordinary service by working in partnership with agencies 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, 2011 be proclaimed:

"FOSTER CARE MONTH"

in Buncombe County.

2. That all citizens be urged to recognize the important role foster parents play in the life of our community and be urged to volunteer their talents and energies on behalf of children in foster care.
3. That this proclamation be effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the 3rd day of May, 2011.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR
THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE**

BY: _____
DAVID GANTT, CHAIRMAN