

PROCLAMATION

of

Parks, Greenways and Recreation Month

- WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including here in Buncombe County; and
- WHEREAS, our parks, greenways and our recreation programs are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community and region; and
- WHEREAS, parks, greenways and recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are developmentally or physically disabled, and also improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and
- WHEREAS, parks, greenways and recreation programs increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and
- WHEREAS, parks, greenways and recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and
- WHEREAS, parks, greenways and natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife; and
- WHEREAS, this County has begun a greenway master plan update to ensure that natural recreation areas protect the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and
- WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and
- WHEREAS, Buncombe County recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources

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

1. That the month of July be proclaimed

Parks, Greenways and Recreation Month

In Buncombe County.

2. That this Board encourages all Buncombe County citizens to get out and enjoy the wonderful parks in our County and to learn more about the recreation programs offered and the greenways master plan currently underway.
3. That this proclamation be effective upon its adoption.

Adopted this the 21st day of June, 2011.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

DAVID GANTT, CHAIRMAN