

PROCLAMATIONS

OF
MAY, 2012
FOSTER CARE MONTH

WHEREAS, families serve as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem, and support and represent 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 safety issues in their homes; and

WHEREAS, in Buncombe County there are over 200 children and youth in foster care which provides a temporary, safe, secure, and stable home with a compassion and nurturing foster care or kinship care 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 prepare children for successful adulthood; and

WHEREAS, foster families are an invaluable resource and perform an extraordinary service by working in partnership with families, children and service providers to nurture children and provide an opportunity for healthy growth, development and permanence.

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

1. That the month of May, 2012 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 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 17th day of April, 2012.

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

BY: _____
DAVID GANTT, CHAIRMAN