

Proclamation

of

HIV Testing Day

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention report that in the United States there are approximately 56,000 new cases of HIV infection every year and an estimated 250,000 people who do not realize that they carry the virus; and

WHEREAS, HIV prevention efforts are hampered by a low sense of urgency in spite of the fact that in North Carolina nearly 30% of newly diagnosed HIV cases have already advanced to AIDS which leads to numerous complications, costly hospitalization and an increased risk of death; and

WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Health Department provides HIV testing and urges all Americans to be tested for HIV, to safeguard their own health and help bring the epidemic under control; and

WHEREAS, ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic is a community as well as an individual responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Western North Carolina AIDS Project, as a regional leader in HIV prevention education and case management services, provides information about and access to convenient, free and confidential HIV testing year around.

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

1. That June 27th 2011, be proclaimed

"HIV Testing Day"

in Buncombe County.

2. That this Board does hereby encourage the residents of Buncombe County to contact the Buncombe County Department of Health to get their free and confidential HIV test.
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

