

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, minority entrepreneurs make significant contributions to our economy and to our community; and

WHEREAS, strong and vibrant communities involve all citizens in economic progress; and

WHEREAS, our economic challenges also present expanded economic opportunities; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we encourage minority business owners to grow and expand their business in Asheville and Buncombe County; and

WHEREAS, Minority Enterprise Development Week is recognized nationally for its importance to our country.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, Terry Bellamy, Mayor of the City of Asheville and David Gantt, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for Buncombe County do hereby proclaim September 19 - 23, 2011 as

Minority Enterprise Development Week

in the City of Asheville and in Buncombe County, and urge all citizens to join minority business enterprises of our community in appropriate activities during this week.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seals of the City of Asheville and the Seal of Buncombe County, to be affixed this 13th day of September 2011.

TERRY M. BELLAMY
MAYOR

DAVID GANTT
CHAIRMAN