

Proclamation

of

DOWN SYNDROME MONTH

WHEREAS, approximately 400,000 Americans have Down Syndrome and about 6,000 or 1 in every 691 babies with Down Syndrome are born in the United States each year; and

WHEREAS, individuals with Down Syndrome are becoming increasingly integrated into society and community organizations, such as school, health care systems, work forces, and social and recreational activities.; and

WHEREAS, due to advances in medical technology, individuals with Down Syndrome are living longer than ever before. With recent advancements in clinical treatment, as many as 80% of adults with Down Syndrome reach age 60, and many live even longer; and

WHEREAS, more and more Americans are interacting with individuals with Down Syndrome, increasing the need for widespread public education and acceptance; and

WHEREAS, the Western North Carolina Down Syndrome Alliance, is a non-profit organization providing support to parents, raising awareness in the community and increasing self reliance of individuals with Down Syndrome through recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2012, the Western North Carolina Down Syndrome Alliance held the fifteenth annual Buddy Walk to raise awareness for Down Syndrome and to raise money to fund recreational scholarships for children with Down Syndrome.

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

1. That the month of October, 2012 be proclaimed:

Down Syndrome Month

in Buncombe County.

2. That all citizens take this opportunity to learn more about Down Syndrome and get involved in the various activities benefiting the Western North Carolina Down Syndrome Alliance.
3. That this proclamation be effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the 16th day of October, 2012.

BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
DAVID GANTT, CHAIRMAN