

of

Smart Justice Month

- WHEREAS, the nation's 3,069 counties provide a variety of essential public services to communities serving more than 300 million Americans; and
- WHEREAS, Buncombe County and all counties take pride in their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare, and safety of its residents in sensible and cost-effective ways; and
- WHEREAS, County governments are often the entity providing both direct and indirect services to enhance the lives of residents and are responsible for maintaining public safety and the efficient use of local tax dollars; and
- WHEREAS, currently more than 13 million individuals are booked into county jails each year and more than 700,000 individuals are booked into state and federal prisons; and
- WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties is encouraging counties to promote effective community corrections programs across the country through this 2012-2013 "Smart Justice" initiative; and
- WHEREAS, Buncombe County supports the agencies, departments and services providing justice and protecting the public safety and welfare of Buncombe County citizenry; and
- WHEREAS, Buncombe County provides support of programs that focus on the underlying causalities of criminal behavior ultimately reducing recidivism and assisting individuals in becoming productive members of our community; and
- WHEREAS, the programs such as Pretrial Services, JUST, Jail Diversion, SOAR Court, Adult Drug Court, and the Justice Resource Center work closely with the offices of the 28th Judicial District and the Sheriff's Department in creating a more efficient and effective criminal justice system.

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

1. That the month of April be proclaimed

Smart Justice Month

in Buncombe County.

2. That all Buncombe County be encouraged to learn more about the criminal justice and court programs in Buncombe County.
3. That this proclamation be effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the 2nd day of April 2013 .

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

By: _____
David Gantt, Chairman