

# Proclamation

Honoring and Congratulating

## Ray Dean Reese

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**WHEREAS,** Ray Dean Reese is a native of Buncombe County who was born to a Baptist minister in Asheville in 1939, graduated from high school in 1957 and served his country in the Army until 1963; and

**WHEREAS,** Ray Dean Reese is a gifted singer having performed solo and with several different gospel groups throughout his career; however, he has spent the majority of his 40 year career with the award winning Kingsmen Quartet; and

**WHEREAS,** Ray Dean Reese is currently performing with and managing the Kingsmen Quartet who continue to be number one on the gospel music charts around the nation; and

**WHEREAS,** On October 9, 2008, Ray Dean Reese will add another award to his numerous collection when he is inducted into the Southern Gospel Music Hall of Fame; and

**WHEREAS,** this Board wishes to honor and congratulate Ray Dean Reese on his induction into the Hall of Fame and to celebrate his life and career in the gospel music world.

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

1. That this Board does hereby honor Ray Dean Reese as an outstanding citizen of our community and as someone who epitomizes the County motto "People to Match Our Mountains".
2. That this proclamation be effective upon its adoption.

This the 7th day of October, 2008.

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

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Nathan Ramsey, Chairman**

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