

County of Buncombe
Proclamation

Proclamation Honoring Commissioner Beach-Ferrara

WHEREAS, Commissioner Beach-Ferrara has served as a Buncombe County Commissioner since being elected in 2016;

WHEREAS, Beach-Ferrara demonstrated thoughtful leadership and dedication to the well-being of our community through addressing critical issues facing our region, including homelessness, opioid addiction, early childhood care, public health, and criminal justice reform; and

WHEREAS, she was instrumental in facilitating a partnership between Buncombe County and the City of Asheville to partner in the establishment of the Continuum of Care Board, a key initiative to address homelessness to provide essential support to vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, as the Executive Director of the Campaign for Southern Equality, she has led efforts to advance LGBTQ rights across the South, striving to ensure equality, dignity, and safety for LGBTQ individuals in her home state and beyond; and

WHEREAS, her leadership in the Opioid Settlement Task Force played a pivotal role in securing over \$29 million in national opioid settlement funds for Buncombe County, funds which is being used to support critical treatment, recovery, harm reduction, and life-saving services in our region; and

WHEREAS, her commitment to early childhood care & education led to the creation of a dedicated fund and committee that ensures ongoing financial support for essential programs, providing our youngest residents with the foundation for a healthy and successful future; and

WHEREAS, her role in the Justice Resource Advisory Council has been crucial in advocating for reform within the criminal justice system, and her leadership was instrumental in the passage of a non-discrimination ordinance that has helped create a more inclusive and equitable community; and

WHEREAS, we, the Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize and commend Commissioner Beach-Ferrara for her outstanding leadership and unwavering commitment to the well-being and prosperity of our region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this the 19th day of November 2024, the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim November 2024 as

Commissioner Jasmine Beach-Ferrara Appreciation Month

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of the Buncombe County to be affixed this 19th of November, 2024.

2024 Buncombe County Commissioners:

Chairman Brownie Newman

Vice-Chair Parker Sloan

Commissioner Al Whitesides

Commissioner Amanda Edwards

Commissioner Terri Wells

Commissioner Martin Moore