

BUNCOMBE COUNTY AG AWARENESS DAY
MARCH 18, 2025

WHEREAS, March 18, 2025, has been designated as National Agriculture Day to remind the public of the importance of agriculture to everyone, and;

WHEREAS, Buncombe County has over 1,000 farms and more than 78,000 acres of farmland which produce almost \$50 million in cash receipts in Buncombe County, and;

WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Commissioners have recognized the importance of preserving farmland in the county through its support and funding of the Farmland Preservation Program, which helps preserve working farms and open space in Buncombe County and contributes to the economic health and environmental well-being of Buncombe County, and;

WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Commissioners have demonstrated the Commission's commitment to agriculture by forming an Agriculture and Land Resources Department within Buncombe County and supports the agricultural community through helping to fund or fully funding positions in the Agriculture and Land Resources Department, Cooperative Extension, and the Buncombe Soil and Water Conservation District.

Whereas the Buncombe County Commissioners honor the immeasurable ecological and societal contributions of small farms as a measure of community resilience in the face of climate change impacts and food insecurity from natural disasters, and;

WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Commissioners recognize the strong development of the next generation of agricultural stewards as evidenced by the vibrant FFA (Future Farmers of America) programs we have in our local high schools, and;

WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Commissioners recognize that agriculture is a vital and fundamental part of the economic foundation of Buncombe County, contributing to the health, prosperity, and sustainability of our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Commissioners appreciate the contributions of our farmers, growers, agricultural workers, and families for their hard work and commitment to feeding our communities, preserving our natural resources, and building a resilient agricultural future for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Commissioners recognize the importance of agriculture in our daily lives and the critical role it plays in supporting the diverse culture, economy, and heritage of Buncombe County

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners hereby resolves and declares **March 18, 2025** as **Buncombe County Ag Awareness Day**.

This 4th day of March, 2024.



Amanda Edwards, Chair
Buncombe County Board of Commissioners