## SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER APPRECIATION DAY MARCH 4, 2025

**WHEREAS,** The National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) is dedicated to making schools and children safer by providing the highest-quality training to school-based law enforcement officers; and

**WHEREAS,** school resource officers (SROs) bridge gaps between youth and law enforcement and embrace a triad concept of school policing, serving in informal counseling, education and law enforcement roles to support students and communities they serve; and

**WHEREAS**, by training law enforcement officers to counsel, educate, and protect school communities, the men and women of NASRO continuously lead by example and promote a positive image of law enforcement to school children and school communities; and

WHEREAS, SRO programs across the globe are founded as collaborative efforts by police agencies, law enforcement officers, educators, students, parents, and communities to create safe learning environments, provide valuable resources to school staff members, foster positive relationships with students and develop strategies to resolve problems that affect youth with the goal of protecting all children, so they can reach their fullest potential; and

**WHEREAS,** school resource officers are valuable and essential members of the education community and deserve unwavering respect and support from the public in the pursuit of keeping schools and students safe;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim **March 4, 2025** as **School Resource Officer Appreciation Day**, a special day to show appreciation for school-based law enforcement officers, and we encourage all residents to show their gratitude with support and personal messages.

This 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

Amanda Edwards, Chair

**Buncombe County Board of Commissioners**