

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

ASHE COUNTY

A PROCLAMATION  
DECLARING JULY 2026  
BRC Trails Month

**WHEREAS**, Ashe County recognizes the initiative to connect downtown Boone to Mount Jefferson with a hiking trail and several spur parks through the Northern Peaks State Trail;

**WHEREAS**, communities in the High Country need safe access for people of all ages and abilities to recreate which is beneficial for promoting physical activity, lowers stress and improves emotional health;

**WHEREAS**, green corridors along the Northern Peaks State Trail filter and buffer run-off to help stabilize the banks of a key tributary of the New River and water supply of the community, and protect the unique biodiversity of the Amphibolite Mountain range;

**WHEREAS**, greenways, pocket parks, and hiking trail systems provide economic value to communities as shown by studies of projects in the region such as the Virginia Creeper;

**WHEREAS**, Blue Ridge Conservancy is partnering with Ashe County and the towns of Jefferson and West Jefferson to seek state and federal grants which require matching funds;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Board of Commissioners of Ashe County, North Carolina encourages all High Country businesses to participate in the July 2026 BRC Trails Month initiative to raise private funds to leverage government funding for the construction of the Northern Peaks State Trail;

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that the Ashe County Board of Commissioners encourage every visitor and citizen patronizing participating Ashe County businesses to Round Up their bill to the nearest dollar to go toward the Northern Peaks State Trail construction.

**ADOPTED** by the Ashe County Board of Commissioners on this<sup>th</sup> day of 2026.

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, Chairman  
Ashe County Board of Commissioners

**ATTEST:**

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Clerk to the Board