



Proclamation Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Friends of the Library

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Ashe County Public Library have, since their founding in 1975, served as dedicated champions of literacy, learning, and community enrichment; and

WHEREAS, the Friends have upheld their mission to maintain an association of persons devoted to libraries, to promote public support, and to stimulate the use of library resources and services; and

WHEREAS, the Friends have continually assisted the library by raising funds to enhance collections, support staff development, encourage gifts and memorials, and advocate for improved library legislation; and

WHEREAS, the Friends have worked tirelessly to supplement the library's budget by providing direct financial assistance, sponsoring programs that enrich the cultural life of the community, and promoting awareness of library services; and

WHEREAS, the Friends have played an essential role in ensuring the Ashe County Public Library remains a vital hub for knowledge, creativity, and engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Friends have maintained the Friends Corner as a welcoming space for patrons, recognized the invaluable contributions of library staff, and fostered lasting relationships between the library and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Library, through five decades of dedicated service, have profoundly shaped the growth and success of the Ashe County Public Library;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we honor and celebrate the **50th Anniversary of the Friends of the Ashe County Public Library** in May 2025,

expressing our deepest gratitude for their unwavering commitment to literacy, education, and community engagement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we encourage all citizens to recognize the vital contributions of the Friends, to continue supporting their invaluable work, and to join in celebrating this milestone year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this proclamation is set forth to acknowledge and commemorate the enduring impact of the Friends of the Ashe County Public Library on our community.

Signed this ____ day of May, 2025.

What an incredible legacy of service and support—this milestone is truly one to celebrate!

Todd McNeill, Chairman
Board

Missy Seivers, Clerk to the