

## A PROCLAMATION TO "GIVE THANKS" TO ALL ASHE COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

WHEREAS: As our country prepares this month to commemorate a Day of Thanksgiving for our blessings of liberty and to celebrate God, family, and a country founded on the principle that "our rights come from God"; and

WHEREAS: The people of Ashe County should take this opportunity to "Give Thanks" to all of our local law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS: Our local law enforcement is our last line of defense and are willing to put their lives on the line to "protect and secure" our local communities; and

WHEREAS: The United States is the only country in the world to retain a local police system instead of having a national system. No country can become a dictatorship as long as the local citizens maintain direct responsibility and control of their local law enforcement through their duly elected officials; and

WHEREAS: We should strive to keep them independent and strongly oppose any attempts to put our local law enforcement under any form of federal control, or to merge with any federal agencies, or any North Carolina fusion centers, and/or any militarization of police.

THEREFORE: The Ashe County Board of Commissioners wish to proclaim the month of November as "Support Our Local Law Enforcement Agencies and Keep Them Independent Month" and encourage ALL Ashe County residents, families, churches, organizations and businesses to "Give Thanks" to all Ashe County law enforcement personnel for their sacrificial service to our county. May God bless them and keep them safe.

Duly adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

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**William Sands, Chairman**  
**Ashe County Board of Commissioners**

**ATTEST:**

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**Ann J. Clark, MMC, NCCCC**  
**Clerk to the Board**