

**PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF GARY POE AND  
DECLARING OCTOBER 9, 2021 AS GARY POE DAY**

**WHEREAS**, Gary Poe came to Ashe County from Granite Falls, North Carolina, after graduating from the Appalachian Teacher's College in 1961; and

**WHEREAS**, Gary Poe taught in the Ashe County school system at Beaver Creek High School and Ashe Central High School for 34 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Gary Poe volunteered in Ashe County for many years after his retirement from the school system and served on the Ashe County Volunteer Initiative Board, encouraging others to volunteer; and

**WHEREAS**, Gary Poe served on the WE Care Committee with the Blue Ridge Opportunity Commission to raise funds for those in need of fuel assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, Gary Poe served on the Ashe County Historical Society Board for 25 years and on the Museum of Ashe County History Board for 12 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Gary Poe promoted Old Time and Bluegrass music and local musicians in Ashe County through his weekly radio shows on WSKS for many years;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Ashe County Board of Commissioners that the Board hereby appreciates the many contributions of Gary Poe to the people and culture of Ashe County and recognize his memory with the declaration of Gary Poe Day in Ashe County to be observed “a little after 11” on Saturday, October 9, 2021.

Adopted this, the 4th day of October, 2021.

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**Todd McNeill, Chairman  
Ashe County Board of Commissioners**

**ATTEST:**

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**Ashley G. Honeycutt  
Clerk to the Board**