

PUBLIC POWER WEEK PROCLAMATION

2026

WHEREAS, public power is a crucial component in cities and towns across North Carolina, driving the overall health of communities by providing unmatched reliability, affordable and increasingly clean electricity, excellent local service, and essential jobs in communities; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's more than 70 public power cities and towns, including Waynesville, provide electricity with a reliability rating of 99.99 percent to nearly 1.6 million North Carolinians; and

WHEREAS, many of North Carolina's public power cities and towns have been electric providers for more than 100 years, assisting their communities through boom times as well as pandemics and economic downturns and maintaining essential electricity to homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina public power communities are part of a mutual aid network that spans the state and country, providing invaluable support during times of hurricanes and other natural disasters while maintaining a superior safety record; and

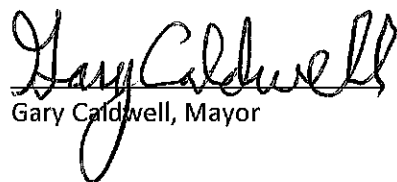
WHEREAS, North Carolina's public power providers are essential community assets that contribute to the well-being of the community and provide invaluable economic development opportunities; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's public power utilities are dependable institutions that provide excellent service, valuable energy solutions, and a commitment to community health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina recognizes Public Power Week and commends the public power cities and towns across our state and nation for their outstanding contributions to our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary Caldwell, Mayor of the Town of Waynesville, do hereby proclaim October 4 – 10, 2026, as "Public Power Week" in Waynesville and commend its observance to all citizens.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Town of Waynesville this twenty-second day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-six.


Gary Caldwell, Mayor

Attest: 
Candace Poolton, Town Clerk