PROCLAMATION: ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY

WHEREAS, energy efficiency is the cheapest, quickest, and cleanest way to meet **North Carolina's** energy needs, avoid dangerous pollution, and reduce utility bills for residents and businesses in our community; and

WHEREAS, implementing energy efficiency and other clean energy policies and programs can help boost economic opportunities and job creation while continuing to move Waynesville toward a sustainable future; and

WHEREAS, smarter energy use reduces the amount of electricity needed to power our lives, which can avoid almost half of power plant emissions that can harm our health, pollute our air, and warm our climate; and

WHEREAS, energy efficiency makes our homes and workspaces healthier, safer, and more comfortable; and

WHEREAS, cutting energy waste saves U.S. households billions of dollars on their utility bills every year, up to \$500 per household from appliance efficiency standards alone; and

WHEREAS, the residents of *Waynesville* can continue to contribute to our energy efficiency efforts by learning about options on our *Town's Sustainability pages* and participating in our *Energy Savers Program* and attending our *Energy Efficiency Event on October 4 from 9-Noon on the Shelton House grounds*

WHEREAS, a nationwide network of energy efficiency groups and partners has designated the first Wednesday in October as national annual Energy Efficiency Day; and

THEREFORE I, Mayor Gary Caldwell do hereby proclaim the first Wednesday in October as

"ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY"

in *Waynesville, North Carolina* and urge citizens to join us in supporting our clean energy goals and moving toward more energy efficiency now and in the future.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF; I have hereunto set my hand on this 23rd day of September 2025

Progress with Vision

Gary Caldwell, Mayor

Attest: Candace Portion

Candace Poolton, Town Clerk