

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2024 AS  
ISOTHERMAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DAY  
AND APRIL 20 AS  
“PAINT THE COMMUNITY ISOTHERMAL BLUE” DAY**

**WHEREAS**, the more than 1,300 community and technical colleges, public and private, in the United States have contributed enormously to the richness and accessibility of American higher education. Nearly half of all undergraduate college students in the Nation today are enrolled in community colleges; and

**WHEREAS**, by providing educational opportunities at costs and locations accessible to all who are qualified, community and technical colleges have greatly enhanced the opportunity for every ambitious student, young or old, to enter a postsecondary school program. As community-based institutions, our schools provide varied programs and offer specialized training for more than 1,000 occupations; and

**WHEREAS**, the economic impact of Isothermal totals \$112 million annually in Rutherford and Polk counties with 2,373 jobs supported; and

**WHEREAS**, this community is served well by Isothermal Community College, which provides technical training, workforce development programs and college transfer opportunities in more than 90 areas of study, along with cultural opportunities through Continuing Education, the Foundation Performing Arts and Conference Center, and WNCW 88.7 FM; and

**WHEREAS**, Isothermal Community College has institutional resources including the Powers Promise and other scholarship programs that allow virtually every resident in Rutherford and Polk counties to attend Isothermal tuition-free; and

**WHEREAS**, Isothermal students, faculty and staff have received numerous state and national recognitions, and faculty and staff serve the global higher education community on state and national boards; and

**WHEREAS**, on Saturday, April 20, the college will host a community celebration that will include fun events for community members of all ages on the Spindale Campus called “Paint the Campus Isothermal Blue,” and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the important contribution of community and technical colleges to our total educational system, in 1985 the Congress authorized and requested President Ronald Reagan to issue Proclamation 5418 establishing a National Community College Month.



**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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**NOW, THEREFORE,** We, the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners recognize April 2024 and Saturday, April 20, respectively, as

**Isothermal Community College Month and “Paint the Community Isothermal Blue” Day**

Adopted this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

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Bryan A. King, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Clerk, Board of Commissioners