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**RESOLUTION**

**In Honor and Remembrance of Mayor Ron DeSimone  
October 19, 2015**

WHEREAS, The Town of Maggie Valley passed a resolution on October 6, 2015 remembering the life of Mayor Ron DeSimone, renowned public servant, distinguished citizen, and devoted member of his community, and the County wishes to honor Mayor DeSimone and the Town of Maggie Valley by joining in this resolution; and

WHEREAS, Town of Maggie Valley Mayor and sixteen year Haywood County resident, Mayor Ron DeSimone, died on Friday, July 17, 2015, at the age of 62; and

WHEREAS, Ron DeSimone was a public servant for more than a decade serving on the Town of Maggie Valley Zoning Board of Adjustment as Chairman before being elected Mayor in 2011; and

WHEREAS, During this time period Mayor Ron DeSimone earned the reputation of a man who had a clear vision of a better tomorrow, a man who demonstrated tireless work ethic and a man who wanted not only to make his town of Maggie Valley a better place, but to make all of Haywood County a better place to work, live, play and visit; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Ron DeSimone worked tirelessly to achieve this vision by highlighting the importance of making broadband technology available countywide, advocating for use of green and sustainable building practices, leading the Moving Maggie Forward initiative and cofounded the effort to create Winterfest-Smoky Style; and

WHEREAS, As Mayor of the Town of Maggie Valley for the past four years, Ron DeSimone was beloved by his town and by the thousands of friends and colleagues whose lives he touched so deeply through countless acts of caring, generosity and kindness; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Ron DeSimone distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; his commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion and comforted by a loving family, Mayor Ron DeSimone leaves behind a legacy, which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Elected Body takes pause in its deliberations to not only recognize the tremendous loss but also recognize the accomplished life of Mayor Ron DeSimone, renowned public servant, distinguished citizen, and devoted member of his community and be it further;

Adopted this the 19th day of October 2015

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Mark S. Swanger, Chairman  
Haywood County Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Ira Dove, Clerk to the Board