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PROCLAMATION MARCH 2022 AS THE 20th ANNUAL MARCH FOR MEALS MONTH

WHEREAS, on March 22, 1972, President Richard Nixon signed into law a measure that amended the Older Americans Act of 1965 and established a national nutrition program for seniors 60 years and older; *and*

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels America established the March for Meals campaign in March 2002 to recognize the historic month, the importance of the Older Americans Act Nutrition Programs, both congregate and home-delivered, and raise awareness about the escalating problem of senior hunger in America; *and*

WHEREAS, the 2022 observance of March for Meals celebrates 20 years of providing an opportunity to support Meals on Wheels programs that deliver vital and critical services by donating, volunteering and raising awareness about senior hunger and isolation; *and*

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels Rowan in Rowan County, North Carolina has served our community admirably for 46 years; *and*

WHEREAS, volunteers for Meals on Wheels Rowan are the backbone of the program and they not only deliver nutritious meals to homebound seniors and disabled citizens who are at significant risk of hunger and isolation, but also caring concern and attention to their welfare; *and*

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels Rowan provides nutritious meals to seniors and disabled citizens throughout Rowan County that help them maintain their health and independence, thereby preventing unnecessary falls, hospitalizations and/or premature institutionalization; *and*

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels Rowan provides a powerful opportunity for social connection for hundreds of seniors in Rowan County to help combat the negative health effects and economic consequences of loneliness and isolation; *and*

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels Rowan and its dedicated volunteers deserve recognition for the heroic contributions and essential services they have provided amid the COVID-19 Pandemic and will continue to provide to seniors and disabled citizens in Rowan County long after the Pandemic is over.

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NOW, THEREFORE, the Rowan County Board of Commissioners proclaims March 2022 as the 20th Annual March for Meals Month and urges every citizen to take this month to honor our Meals on Wheels programs, the seniors they serve and the volunteers who care for them. Our recognition of, and involvement in, the national 2022 March for Meals can enrich our entire community and help combat senior hunger and isolation in America.

This the 21st day of March, 2022.

Gregory C. Edds, Chairman
Rowan County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Clerk to the Board