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PROCLAMATION TO ESTABLISH MAY AS SHIELD-A-BADGE WITH PRAYER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the *Shield-A-Badge With Prayer* program works to affirm the commitment of Rowan County Law Enforcement Officers and encourages citizen awareness and appreciation for these officers; *and*

WHEREAS, the program invites citizens to commit to pray for an officer every day for one year and to send birthday cards and notes of thanks to these officers; *and*

WHEREAS, through the generosity of individuals, businesses and churches that have donated services and fundraisers, 10,500 Bibles, 4,000 Shield-A-Badge Bible Promise Books and 11,200 New Testaments have been purchased to be given away; *and*

WHEREAS, the *Shield-A-Badge With Prayer* program began in 1995 in Rowan County, by Chaplain Michael Taylor and has begun to expand statewide, reaching out to other counties, municipalities, colleges, hospitals, correctional facilities, 911 communicators, probations officers, animal control officers, state highway patrol troopers, fire departments, Clerk of Court employees, magistrates, judges, District Attorney's Office, County Commissioners, sheriffs, First Responders, Emergency Medical Services and attorneys; *and*

WHEREAS, through the dedication and travels of Chaplain Taylor, counties from across the state are receiving encouragement and training for chaplains.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Rowan County Board of Commissioners does hereby establish the month of May as

Shield-A-Badge With Prayer Awareness Month.

This the 15th day of May, 2023.

Gregory C. Edds, Chairman
Rowan County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Sarah Pack, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board