

PROCLAMATION  
of the TOWN OF SMITHFIELD

CREEK WEEK CELEBRATION  
March 12 - 19, 2022

**WHEREAS**, the first Creek Week in central North Carolina was observed in the City of Durham in 2009, and is now observed by many local governments across the state; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to Creek Weeks, many local governments and organizations across central and eastern North Carolina have conducted Big Sweeps and other efforts to clean up trash in waterways; and

**WHEREAS**, Regional Creek Week, started by the NC Clean Water Education Partnership in 2021, is a special week set aside where CWEP-affiliated local governments concurrently work together to celebrate and steward local creeks and streams; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Durham's Creek Week alone has removed over 160,000 pounds of trash have from waterways since the first Creek Week celebration; and

**WHEREAS**, this impact could be greatly magnified through the collective efforts of additional local governments, organizations and individuals working together to educate about and protect our waterways; and

**WHEREAS**, creeks, streams, rivers, and other waterways support outdoor recreation, fisheries, healthy lifestyles, and safe drinking water supplies; and

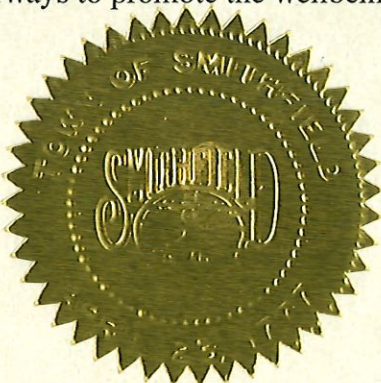
**WHEREAS**, healthy waterways support biodiversity, natural beauty, and provide critical habitat for aquatic wildlife; and

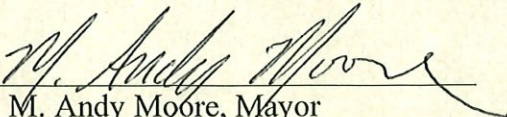
**WHEREAS**, the Town of Smithfield will celebrate Creek Week;

**NOW, THEREFORE:** I, M. Andy Moore, along with the members of the Smithfield Town Council, do hereby proclaim the third week in March as

**CREEK WEEK**

in the Town of Smithfield, North Carolina and encourage all citizens to celebrate Creek Week and support efforts to protect our creeks and streams, and further encourage all citizens to steward our waterways to promote the wellbeing of this and future generations.



  
M. Andy Moore, Mayor