PROCLAMATION Recognizing Public Power Week October 6-12, 2024 In the Town of Smithfield

WHEREAS, public power is a crucial component in cities and towns across North Carolina, contributing to the overall health of communities by providing reliable electricity, excellent local service, and prompt restoration; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's more than 70 public power cities and towns are among more than 2,000 across the country; and

WHEREAS, many of North Carolina's public power cities and towns have been electric providers for more than 100 years, assisting their communities through boom times as well as pandemics and economic downturns; and

WHEREAS, public power meets the electric needs of 49 million Americans, who make up almost 15 percent of electricity consumers; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's public power utilities are valuable community assets that contribute to the well-being of the community and provide economic development opportunities; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's public power utilities are dependable institutions that provide excellent service and a commitment to community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Smithfield recognizes Public Power Week and commends the public power cities and towns across our state for their outstanding contributions to our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, M. Andy Moore, Mayor of the Town of Smithfield, along with the Town Council, do hereby proclaim October 6-12,2024 as

Public Power Week

in the Town of Smithfield and commends its observation to all citizens.



M. Andy Moore, Mayor