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News Release

Two Proclamations Adopted on Monday

September 15, 2014, Monroe, NC – The Union County Board of Commissioners on Monday proclaimed September Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and Sept. 29 - Oct. 3 "Make it in Union County Manufacturing Week."

The Childhood Cancer Awareness Month proclamation states that an estimated 263,000 new cases of cancer affect children under the age of 20 worldwide (720 children a day), and every day, 250 children die from cancer around the world. Every day in the United States, 46 children are diagnosed with a form of childhood cancer, and every day seven children who have been fighting cancer lose their battles. Although 80 percent of childhood cancers are being cured, it still remains the leading cause of death by disease in children under 15 in the United States.

The "Make it in Union County Manufacturing Week" proclamation states manufacturing provides a significant contribution to the national, state, and local economy, and Union County has had a strong emphasis on the recruitment and retention of manufacturing companies since it began its economic development program. Union County has more than 150 manufacturers producing some of the most technical and precision products in the world and has the highest geographic concentration of aerospace manufacturing in the Carolinas. Union County manufacturers provide more than 15,000 employment and career opportunities for skilled workers.

The Union County Board of Commissioners calls on all residents of Union County to observe Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and "Make it in Union County Manufacturing Week."

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