



## *Proclamation*

### **Southwestern Community College's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**WHEREAS**, the institution now known as Southwestern Community College originated as "Jackson County Industrial Education Center" – a satellite of A-B Tech – in the 1964-65 academic year; and

**WHEREAS**, Jackson County Industrial Education Center began operations with four programs and 190 students; and

**WHEREAS**, Southwestern became an independent unit of the NC Department of Community Colleges in 1968 and changed its name to Southwestern Technical Institute before becoming Southwestern Technical College in 1979; and

**WHEREAS**, Southwestern has operated under its current name since 1988; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands of Southwestern graduates now live and work in the college's service area of Jackson, Macon, Swain Counties and the Qualla Boundary; and

**WHEREAS**, SCC now offers more than 80 programs and serves more than 9,000 students annually; and

**WHEREAS**, SCC touches virtually every person residing in its service area through alumni and its vast array of programs;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARDS OF COMMISSIONERS OF JACKSON COUNTY, MACON COUNTY AND SWAIN COUNTY**, hereby proclaim, recognize and celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Southwestern Community College throughout the 2014-15 academic year while honoring the founders of Jackson County Industrial Education Center.

Date: April 10, 2015.

Attest:

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Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to the Board  
Jackson County Board of Commissioners

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Mark Jones, Vice-Chairman  
Jackson County Board of Commissioners

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Mike Decker, Deputy Clerk to the Board  
Macon County Board of Commissioners

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Kevin Corbin, Chairman  
Macon County Board of Commissioners

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Cindi C. Woodard, County Manager  
Swain County Board of Commissioners

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Phil Carson, Chairman  
Swain County Board of Commissioners