

**A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF
PINEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, DECLARING JUNE 4TH AS
“TOURETTE SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY”**

WHEREAS, Tourette Syndrome is an inherited neurological disorder that is characterized by involuntary physical and vocal tics that occur many times a day; and

WHEREAS, Tourette Syndrome is often accompanied by other mental health disorders such as attention deficit and obsessive-compulsive disorder, learning disabilities, and anxiety; and

WHEREAS, Tourette Syndrome and tic disorders affect 1 in 100 children. More than 22,800 school age children in the State of North Carolina alone are dealing with Tourette Syndrome and although some of these cases are aided by medication, there is no standard treatment or known cure for the disorder; and

WHEREAS, there is an important need for more professional help with interest and expertise to identify, counsel, and treat people with Tourette Syndrome, a disorder that is often misdiagnosed and misunderstood; and

WHEREAS, positive actions to assist children and families living with Tourette Syndrome would result from a broadening of public and professional knowledge and acceptance of Tourette Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, the Tourette Association’s Greater Carolinas Group, are actively providing services to families, educating medical professionals and teachers, and supporting research to better understand the signs and treatments of TS;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that June 4, 2021, will be recognized as “Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day” in Pineville, North Carolina, as a special day to promote understanding, compassion, and acceptance for all of our fellow citizens who deserve and need our support to break the stigma that surrounds Tourette Syndrome.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the **GREAT SEAL OF PINEVILLE** to be affixed on this 11th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one.

Mayor Jack Edwards