

***PROCLAMATION  
of the  
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners  
Honoring Cal Raleigh***

***In Recognition of winning the Major League Baseball Home Run Derby and Declaring  
July 14, 2025, as***

***“Cal Raleigh Day”***

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners would like to recognize Jackson County native, Cal Raleigh, who has risen to national prominence as a professional baseball player and catcher for the Seattle Mariners, bringing pride and recognition to the Town of Sylva and Jackson County for his achievements on the field; and

**WHEREAS**, Cal’s journey from the ballfields of Jackson County to the Major Leagues is a testament to his talent, perseverance, and the strong community values that shaped him; and

**WHEREAS**, Raleigh has etched his name into baseball history as a clutch performer, notably with his iconic walk-off home run in 2022, earning admiration from fans across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 14, 2025, Cal Raleigh became the first catcher and switch hitter ever to win the MLB Home Run Derby, with an electrifying performance of 54 total home runs, making history and inspiring fans across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, his victory – accomplished with his father pitching and brother catching – was not only a testament to athletic ability but a celebration of family, community, and North Carolina pride; and

**WHEREAS**, known for his strength, perseverance, and leadership behind the plate, Cal Raleigh has become a fan favorite for his athletic excellence, hardworking nature, and the uplifting spirit he brings to the game; and

**WHEREAS**, Cal’s continued success inspires young athletes throughout Jackson County and beyond to dream big, stay determined, and take pride in their roots; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED** that the Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners do hereby declare July 14, 2025, as “Cal Raleigh Day” in the Town of Sylva and call upon our citizens to recognize and celebrate this historic achievement by a hometown hero.

Adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July 2025.

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Johnny Phillips, Mayor

Attest:

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Amanda W. Murajda, Town Clerk