



Proclamation 2015-04
Carolina Rivers Expedition Launching
French Broad River
Hap Simpson Park
City of Brevard, North Carolina

Whereas, Carolina Rivers goal is to show by example that you do not have to travel to Africa, Asia or Antarctica to be an explorer. All you have to do is walk out your door and look at the world with curious eyes, slide down a rock, jump in a swimming hole or paddle down a Carolina river; and

Whereas, this Educational Preservation through exploration is an initiative to explore all thirty-two rivers across North Carolina and document the rich cultural heritage of the communities living alongside the rivers; and

Whereas, Transylvania County is known for its six water basins, waterfalls, whitewater, water supply, tourism, and film industry, as well as its scenic beauty along the French Broad River benefiting local residents and contributing to a flourishing recreation and tourist industry; and

Whereas, this river valley was formed by the Brevard Fault millions of years ago, survived the fire and smoke of the Walton War against the State of Georgia, won the political battle against the Tennessee Valley Authority and their proposed dams, and led the State in restoring this most valuable stream; and

Whereas, Brevard known for it's woods and water, welcomes their visitors like they were old friends, as they journey throughout North Carolina's extraordinary natural landscape and learn about an impressive roster of rare plants and animal species, including the white squirrel; and

Whereas, Brevard has been selected as the premier place in America to raise an outdoor child. Its location on the French Broad River along the Sylvan Valley can claim to be one of the most inviting gateways to the natural world and does claim to be one of the most scenic small towns in America; and

Whereas, The Carolina Rivers Expedition began their journey where the North Fork and West Fork merge at Mile Marker 0. David Whitmire, co-founder and Program Director at Headwaters Outfitters, will be representing our community while guiding Julian Fisher and his crew down the 3rd oldest river in the world. The crew will spend 9 days paddling the NC sections of the French Broad River.

Now, therefore, I, Jimmy Harris, Mayor of the City of Brevard, do hereby proclaim and urge every citizen to become explorers of the many wonders of this natural treasure. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Brevard. This 25th day of April, 2015.

Jimmy Harris, Mayor

Mac Morrow, Mayor Pro Tem