



**PROCLAMATION**  
**IN RECOGNITION OF**  
**BUSINESS APPRECIATION MONTH**  
**MAY 2019**

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth of Virginia has declared the entire month of May 2019 as Business Appreciation Month; and

**WHEREAS**, Bedford County is pleased to have thriving businesses that support the local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, Bedford County's new business start-ups show an increase of 39% over last year, and outpace the region with 20% more start-ups in 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, existing and new businesses provide essential employment opportunities for the citizens of Bedford County; and

**WHEREAS**, these businesses provide local revenues from which the entire County benefits, and make significant contributions in our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, these businesses provide tours and internships for high school students through our Bedford ONE program and Bedford County Public Schools;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we the Bedford County Board of Supervisors and Bedford County Economic Development Authority hereby recognize and thank all businesses, by virtue of this proclamation, for your continued contribution and positive impact in our County.

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**Tommy W. Scott, Chairman**  
Bedford County Board of Supervisors

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**Mickey M. Johnson, Chairman**  
Bedford County Economic Development Authority