A resolution in support of establishing a Agricultural Development and Farmland Protection Plan for Polk County.

WHEREAS Agriculture is a key component of Polk County that contributes to the economic prosperity of the local community, the region, and our state as a whole. Economic development within the county relies heavily on the success of farms and farm-related businesses that provide products, income, and employment.

WHEREAS The creation of a Polk County Agricultural Development and Farmland Protection Plan will analyze the current state of farming in Polk County and will identify the primary challenges and opportunities for agriculture and present a set of recommendations to assist government leaders in preserving local agriculture.

WHEREAS Due to the varying benefits of agriculture, the promotion of the local agricultural industry and the protection of farmland is paramount to the success of the county. Polk County focuses on utilizing sustainable methods on their farms that protect natural resources and sustain the economic viability of their agriculture systems.

WHEREAS Agriculture and agribusiness is North Carolina's top industry. Adding a Farmland Preservation Plan to Polk County local government creates value to local farmers and agribusiness industry by showing support for the Polk County Agriculture Industry.

WHEREAS Preserving America's farmland is essential to future generations of our country and is vital to our national security. The encouragement and support of agribusinesses and agricultural-related activities are crucial in ensuring the preservation of farmland in Polk County and subsequently its rural character and heritage. We are proud to partner with local communities to assist in any way to encourage agriculture development farmland preservation.

THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED *by the Polk County Board of Commissioners that we support the creation of Agricultural Development farmland preservation plan.*

POLK COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

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Myron Yoder
Chairman

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Kristy Tipton
Clerk to the Board