A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BOONE IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NCDOT PAVED TRAILS AND SIDEWALK FEASIBILITY STUDIES GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE NORTHERN PEAKS STATE TRAIL – DOWNTOWN BOONE TO HOWARD KNOB FEASIBILITY STUDY

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Integrated Mobility Division offers the Paved Trails and Sidewalk Feasibility Studies Grant Program to help communities evaluate paved trail and sidewalk projects; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Peaks State Trail is a North Carolina State Trail and is identified in the Great Trails State Plan; and

WHEREAS, the proposed study would evaluate a connection of approximately 3 to 3.5 miles from Rivers Park in Downtown Boone to Howard Knob County Park; and

WHEREAS, this connection is identified in or aligns with local and regional plans, including the 2014 Boone Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan, the 2017 Northern Peaks State Trail Master Plan, the 2022 Howard Knob Master Plan, and the 2025 Boone Next Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the study would identify ways to improve pedestrian and bicycle access between downtown Boone, Appalachian State University, the Junaluska neighborhood, and Howard Knob County Park; and

WHEREAS, the grant program requires a 20% local match, which is expected to be provided by one or more of the following organizations: Blue Ridge Conservancy, the Town of Boone, Watauga County, and/or other organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Boone recognizes the value of this study to the residents and visitors of the Town of Boone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Boone that:

1. The Town of Boone supports the application by Blue Ridge Conservancy to the NCDOT Paved Trails and Sidewalk Feasibility Studies Grant Program for the Northern Peaks State Trail – Downtown Boone to Howard Knob Feasibility Study.
2. The Town of Boone supports the partnership among Blue Ridge Conservancy, the Town of Boone, Watauga County, and the High Country Council of Governments in carrying out the study.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2026.

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Dalton George, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Nicole Harmon, Town Clerk