RESOLUTION BY THE LENOIR CITY COUNCIL

TO SUPPORT THE CATAWBA-WATEREE RIVER BASIN INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES PLAN AS DEVELOPED BY THE CATAWBA-WATEREE WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP

WHEREAS, the **City of Lenoir, North Carolina** participates in the Catawba-Wateree Water Management Group (CWWMG), a collaborative organization representing member entities committed to sustainable water resource management; and

WHEREAS, recent engineering studies indicate that significant water supply limitations could occur as soon as mid-century (~Year 2075) within the Catawba-Wateree River and its eleven reservoirs, underscoring the need for proactive planning; and

WHEREAS, the CWWMG has developed the Integrated Water Resources Plan (IWRP) using the best available data and projections to identify water quantity and quality issues, evaluate potential strategies to address these challenges, and implement practical, basin-wide solutions; and

WHEREAS, the IWRP reflects historical and current conditions along with reasonable forecasts to support informed planning, and is intended to be a neutral, analytical document presenting facts and possible scenarios without advocating for any particular outcome; and

WHEREAS, supporting the IWRP does not limit any rights or options organizations may have in future regulatory proceedings; and

WHEREAS, implementing actions called for in the IWRP will require long-term, coordinated efforts across the Basin and could take decades to successfully complete; and

WHEREAS, our representatives have actively participated in the development of the IWRP by providing input into the scope of work, engineering analysis, future modeling scenarios and results, and the recommendations presented; and

WHEREAS, we believe the IWRP findings and recommendations are consistent with protecting, preserving, and extending the available water supply for all those who depend, or will depend, on the Catawba-Wateree River Basin for a safe, sustainable water supply; and

WHEREAS, basin-wide implementation of the recommendations presented in the IWRP offers the opportunity to extend available water yields well into the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LENOIR CITY COUNCIL:

That the **City of Lenoir, North Carolina** hereby supports the 2025 Catawba-Wateree River Basin Integrated Water Resources Plan and the recommendations

presented therein as a framework for collaborative action to secure a sustainable water future for generations to come.

Adopted this the **25th** day of **August, 2026** at Lenoir, North Carolina.

SEAL

_____

Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____

Lauren Hartley, City Clerk