RESOLUTION AWARDING COUNTY-ISSUED SERVICE SIDE ARMS AND BADGES
PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. § 17F-20(a)

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Thomas Hester is retiring from the Burke County Sheriff's Office, having faithfully served the citizens of Burke County since May 15, 2006, with an anticipated retirement date of May 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Samuel Crump retired from the Burke County Sheriff's Office on March 31, 2026, having faithfully served the citizens of Burke County since July 31, 1999; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Hester and Sergeant Crump have each served honorably and with distinction in the performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. § 17F-20(a) authorizes a county to award the badge worn by a retiring law enforcement officer at no cost and to sell the service-issued firearm to the retiring officer at a price determined by the governing board; and

WHEREAS, the Burke County Board of Commissioners desires to recognize the service of these officers through the award of their service badges and the sale of their service-issued side arms;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT:

1. The service-issued side arms and badges of Lieutenant Thomas Hester and Sergeant Samuel Crump are hereby declared surplus property; and
2. The Sheriff of Burke County, Banks Hinceman, is authorized to present the Burke County Sheriff's Office issued badges to Lieutenant Thomas Hester and Sergeant Samuel Crump at no cost upon their retirement; and
3. The Sheriff of Burke County, Banks Hinceman, is authorized to sell the following service-issued firearms to the respective officers at a purchase price of $1.00 each, upon verification that each officer is not ineligible to own, possess, or receive a firearm under State or federal law, as required by N.C.G.S. § 17F-20(a):
    - Glock G45, Serial Number CETE946, to Lieutenant Thomas Hester; and
    - Glock G45, Serial Number CETE958, to Sergeant Samuel Crump.

Adopted this 18th day of May 2026.

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Jeffrey C. Brittain, Chairman
Burke Co. Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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Katherine Wright
Interim Clerk to the Board