RESOLUTION #_____

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT DEAVERVIEW MOUNTAIN

WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Parks & Recreation Department has negotiated for the purchase of a certain parcels of land located at 99999 Cowan Cove Road in Buncombe County North Carolina, described by a plat recorded in Plat Book 255, Page 145 and shown on the records of the Buncombe County Tax Office as PIN #: 9618-59-4672, 9618-87-3288 (herein "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy is receiving a grant from North Carolina Land and Water Fund in the amount of $4,009,647.00 to put towards the purchase price of the Property; and

WHEREAS, Buncombe County has received a grant from the State of North Carolina in the amount of $4,009,648.00 to put towards the purchase of the Property; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of the grant, Buncombe County is required to place a conservation easement on 315.50 acres to the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Property is comprised of 342.05 acres and has been appraised at a value of $8,040,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the seller has agreed to sell the property to the County for $8,019,295.00; and

WHEREAS, the Property will be held for recreational opportunities in the future; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statutes §153A-158 authorizes counties to acquire property for county purposes; and

WHEREAS, this Board is of the opinion that it is in the best interests of the citizens and residents of the County to purchase this property, place a conservation easement on this property and hold the property for future recreational purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That payment of the sum of $8,019,295.00 for the purchase of the Property is hereby authorized.

2. That Buncombe County shall grant the State of North Carolina a conservation

easement on the Property as described in Plat Book 255, Page 145 recorded in the Buncombe County Registry.

2. That this Board hereby authorizes the County Manager to execute and deliver any and all documents necessary on the County's behalf and to take all actions necessary to implement and complete this sales / conservation easement transaction.

3. All acts and doings of officers, employees and agents of the County, whether taken prior to, on, or after the date of this Resolution, that are in conformity with and in the furtherance of the purposes and intents of this Resolution as described above shall be, and the same hereby are, in all respects ratified, approved and confirmed.

4. That this resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

This the 17th day of March 2026.

ATTEST

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Sarah Gross, Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

By: _____
Amanda Edwards, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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County Attorney