RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER NECESSARY AGREEMENTS TO CONSTRUCT THE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA FUTURES FACTORY PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the County has authority, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §153A-14, to apply for and receive grants from the federal government and to enter into contracts for the administration of said grants; and

WHEREAS, A-B Technical Community College (herein "AB Tech") and Buncombe County applied for approximately $30M in federal grant funding from the Economic Development Administration (US Department of Commerce) for the Western North Carolina (WNC) Futures Factory Project; and

WHEREAS, AB Tech and U.S. Economic Development Administration requested that Buncombe County serve as a co-recipient on the grant award; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Economic Development Agency has provided a notice of award for $29,219,755 to be used in conjunction with non-federal matching funds to construct the project; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners believe that this grant is important and necessary to assist in the economic development of Buncombe County.

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

1. The County Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Economic Development Administration, to accept a grant as a co-recipient in the amount of $29,219,755 to be used to construct the WNC Futures Factory Project.

2. The County Manager is authorized to execute any agreements necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

ADOPTED this the 1st day of September, 2026

ATTEST

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Sarah Gross, Clerk to the Board

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

BY: _____
Martin Moore, Vice Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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County Attorney