RESOLUTION # _____

Resolution Authorizing the County Manager to cooperate with Appalachian Mountain Health and Participate in the NC Department of Commerce Building Reuse Grant Program.

Whereas, Appalachian Mountain Health is a North Carolina Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Appalachian Mountain Health") is an affordable healthcare services provider that is located in Buncombe County; and,

Whereas, Appalachian Mountain Health currently employs 240 people and offers employee benefits, including coverage of at least 50% of health insurance costs; and,

Whereas, Appalachian Mountain Health is planning to implement renovations and improvements to an existing facility located in Black Mountain, NC as an integral piece of its plan to investment over $14 million and create 48 new full-time project related jobs that pay an average wage of $38.91; and,

Whereas, Appalachian Mountain Health has been negotiating with the N.C. Department of commerce, Rural Infrastructure Authority for a Building Reuse Grant in the amount of $480,000 for general purposes related to the renovation of the healthcare Facility and the creation and retention of jobs in the course of completing the renovations and construction; and,

Whereas, the Building Reuse Grant Program requires a local government host to apply for such a grant and act as guarantor for completion of projects and distribution of grant funds; and,

Whereas, the Building Reuse Grant Program requires a non-State, non-Federal 5% ($24,000) match in order to receive funding, and Appalachian Mountain Health has secured a letter of commitment for this match funding from Dogwood Health Trust; and,

Whereas, upon development of an Economic Development Agreement with Appalachian Mountain Health and notification of award from the Rural Infrastructure Authority of a Building Reuse grant, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §158-7.1.c, Buncombe County will hold the required Public Hearing to accept the grant award and expend the funding for economic development purposes; and,

Whereas, Appalachian Mountain Health has requested the assistance of Buncombe County to obtain this funding; and,

Whereas, this Board is of the opinion that it is in the best interests of the citizens and residents of Buncombe County to facilitate this Building Reuse Grant for the Project.

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

1. The Chair and County Manager, or either of them, are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute an application to the N.C. Department of Commerce, Rural Infrastructure Authority for a Building Reuse Grant in the amount of $480,000 for Appalachian Mountain Health as describe above.
2. The Chair and County Manager, or either of them, are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do any and all other acts and to execute any and all other documents, which they, in their discretion, deems necessary and appropriate in order to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Resolution, except that non of the above shall be authorized or empowered to do anything or execute any document which is in contravention, in any way, of the specific provisions of this Resolution.
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. This Resolution is effective upon its adoption.

This the ____ day of October, 2026.

ATTEST

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Sarah Gross, Clerk to the Board

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

By: _____

Amanda Edwards, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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County Attorney