RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY
TROPICAL STORM HELENE RECOVERY PLAN

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.15(f)(2), a county is authorized to direct and coordinate the development of emergency management plans and programs in accordance with the policies and standards set by the NC Division of Emergency Management, consistent with federal and State laws and regulations;

WHEREAS, on September 27-28, 2024, Tropical Storm Helene devastated portions of Buncombe County and the incorporated municipalities;

WHEREAS, Buncombe County organized its recovery efforts in alignment with the National Disaster Recovery Framework ("NDRF") and the North Carolina Recovery Framework ("NCRF");

WHEREAS, pursuant to the NDRF and NCRF, a best practice in disaster recovery is the establishment of long-term recovery plans to convey strategies for rebuilding;

WHEREAS, Buncombe County coordinated with the City of Asheville and the towns of Biltmore Forest, Black Mountain, Montreat, Weaverville, and Woodfin to produce a multi-jurisdictional recovery plan ("Plan");

WHEREAS, Buncombe County received support from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Interagency Recovery Coordination Division, Community Assistance Program to produce the Plan;

WHEREAS, the projects in the Plan are based on priorities established in a community engagement survey and results from community feedback on the draft Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners believes that it is in the best interests of the residents of Buncombe County to adopt the Plan.

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

1. Buncombe County endorses the Buncombe County Tropical Storm Helene Recovery Plan, in its entirety, as a coordinated, multi-jurisdictional program for recovery and resilience.

2. Buncombe County adopts the Buncombe County Section of the Recovery Plan, including the 31 projects and recovery strategies contained therein.

3. Buncombe County commits to maximizing funding and resources for the successful implementation of recovery projects.

4. Buncombe County commits to continued collaboration with regional partners to ensure coordinated implementation of the Recovery Plan.

5. That 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.

6. This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

Adopted this 18th day of November 2025

Attest:

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Sarah Gross, Clerk to the Board

Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

By: _____
Amanda Edwards, Chair

Approved as to form:

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Curt Euler, County Attorney