Council Member ___ made a motion to approve the following resolution. A vote of __.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA, RECOGNIZING THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF HURRICANE HELENE

RESOLUTION #: R-25-50

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2024, Hurricane Helene struck Western North Carolina, including the Town of Black Mountain, bringing historic rainfall, flooding, and destruction across the region; and

WHEREAS, the storm caused the tragic loss of lives, displaced families, damaged homes and businesses, and significantly impacted the natural environment, including the loss of much of the community's tree canopy; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Black Mountain stands in solemn remembrance of those whose lives were lost and whose families and loved ones continue to grieve; and

WHEREAS, in the year since the storm, the residents of Black Mountain and Western North Carolina have demonstrated remarkable resilience, unity, and strength, supporting one another in recovery and rebuilding efforts; and

WHEREAS, federal, state, and local agencies, along with nonprofit organizations, faith communities, and countless volunteers, have partnered with the Town in response and recovery, helping to restore essential services, repair public facilities, and aiding those in need; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Black Mountain recognizes that recovery is ongoing, and that with each step forward comes an opportunity to build a stronger, more prepared, and more resilient community; and

WHEREAS, the Town remains committed to investing in flood mitigation, stormwater management, resilient infrastructure, and environmental restoration, ensuring that Black Mountain is better positioned to withstand future storms; and

WHEREAS, the anniversary of Hurricane Helene serves as both a solemn reminder of our losses and a hopeful marker of the community's enduring spirit and capacity for renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Black Mountain, North Carolina:

1. That the Town Council honors and remembers all lives lost during Hurricane Helene and extends its deepest sympathies to their families and loved ones.
2. That the Town Council recognizes and expresses gratitude to the residents, first responders, all town employees, partner organizations, and volunteers who have contributed to recovery and rebuilding over the past year.

3. That the Town Council reaffirms its commitment to building a safer, stronger, and more resilient Black Mountain for generations to come.
4. That this resolution shall be entered into the official records of the Town of Black Mountain as a testament to the community's perseverance and dedication to the future.

Adopted this the 8th day of September, 2025.

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C. Michael Sobol, Mayor

Attest:

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Wesley M. Barker, Town Clerk