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

A Resolution Designating Certain Town Facilities as Critical Facilities for Hazard Mitigation Purposes

RESOLUTION #: R-25-58

WHEREAS, the Town of Black Mountain is committed to ensuring the safety, resilience, and continuity of essential services during and after disasters; and

WHEREAS, the grant opportunities requires communities to identify and prioritize critical facilities for the purpose of implementing hazard mitigation measures that reduce future risk; and

WHEREAS, critical facilities are defined as facilities that provide services and functions essential to the health, safety, and well-being of residents, including governmental, emergency, and community support services; and

WHEREAS, the following Town of Black Mountain facilities have been determined to be critical to emergency response, continuity of operations, and community resilience:

1. Town Hall – serves as the seat of municipal government and the center of administrative, financial, and coordination functions.
2. Fire Station 2 – provides essential fire suppression, rescue, and staging functions for disaster response.
3. Public Safety Building (Fire, Police, EMS) – houses multiple first-response agencies that are indispensable to law enforcement, fire protection, and emergency medical response.
4. Public Works Facility – maintains vital infrastructure services, including roads, water, stormwater, and sanitation, necessary for disaster response and recovery.
5. Senior Center – provides services and outreach for vulnerable residents and is designated to serve as a shelter if needed during disaster events.
6. Pool House – served as a Point of Distribution (POD) during Tropical Storm Helene, providing showers, food, water, and sanitation support; it is now formally included in the Town's emergency response plan as a location for providing information and distributing supplies to residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Black Mountain that the above-listed facilities are hereby designated as critical facilities for purposes of hazard mitigation planning and grant applications; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Manager, or their designee, is authorized to

submit such designations to the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management and to pursue hazard mitigation funding opportunities to reduce risk and increase resilience of these facilities.

Adopted this the 13th day of October 2025.

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C. Michael Sobol, Mayor

Attest:

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Wesley M. Barker, Town Clerk