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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ASHEVILLE BUTTERFLY TRAIL THROUGH BEE CITY USA – ASHEVILLE

Resolution No. R-25-65

WHEREAS, Bee City USA – Asheville (BCU-AVL) manages the **Asheville Butterfly Trail**, a regional environmental education initiative designed to raise awareness of the life cycles of native butterflies, the critical relationships between pollinators and native plants, and the importance of butterflies in maintaining healthy ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the Asheville Butterfly Trail program installs educational art pieces and interpretive signage at designated **Trail Stations** throughout Western North Carolina, providing residents and visitors with opportunities to learn about pollinator species and their habitats; and

WHEREAS, BCU-AVL has invited the **Town of Black Mountain** to serve as a **Trail Station Host**, joining other public and private partners in supporting pollinator conservation and environmental education; and

WHEREAS, as a Trail Station Host, the Town agrees to:

- Identify a mutually agreeable and ADA-accessible location for the butterfly wings and interpretive sign;
- Maintain the surrounding native pollinator plantings and landscape;
- Notify BCU-AVL of any needed maintenance;
- Ensure appropriate insurance coverage; and
- Provide a one-time installation fee and annual stewardship fee, which may be supported through sponsorships or grants; and

WHEREAS, BCU-AVL will, in turn, design, install, and maintain the butterfly wings and signage, maintain the Trail's website and promotional materials, and include the Town's site in its public education and outreach programs; and

WHEREAS, participation in the Asheville Butterfly Trail aligns with the Town of Black Mountain's **Bee City USA designation**, its ongoing **environmental stewardship initiatives**, and community goals to support **pollinator habitats**, **education**, and **public art**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN THAT:

1. The Town of Black Mountain hereby approves participation in the **Asheville Butterfly Trail** program through Bee City USA – Asheville and agrees to host a **Butterfly Trail Station** within Town limits.

2. The Town Council authorizes the **Town Manager** to execute the **Memorandum of Agreement** with Bee City USA – Asheville and to take all necessary actions to carry out the intent of this resolution.
3. The Town reaffirms its ongoing commitment to **pollinator conservation**, **environmental education**, and **community beautification** as part of its Bee City USA designation.
4. A copy of the Memorandum of Agreement is attached as part of this resolution.

Adopted this the ___ day of _____, 2025, by the Town Council of the Town of Black Mountain.

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C. Michael Sobol, Mayor

Attest:

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Wesley M. Barker, Town Clerk