RESOLUTION NO. 2025-XX

A RESOLUTION ENUMERATING THE CITY OF BREVARD'S PREFERRED LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES (NCLM)

WHEREAS, the biennial "long-session" of the North Carolina General Assembly is scheduled to convene in January 2025; and

WHEREAS, during the "long-session" the North Carolina General Assembly develops the state's biennial budget, and considers new legislation; and

WHEREAS, in North Carolina, the General Assembly endows municipalities with their powers; and

WHEREAS, in North Carolina, the General Assembly may grant state funding to municipalities to fund projects of local concern; and

WHEREAS, for those reasons and others it is in municipalities' best interest to maintain positive working relationships with their legislators and make clear their needs; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2025 the Brevard City Council discussed in open session a list of legislative priorities that they ask the North Carolina League of Municipalities to lobby for on their behalf.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BREVARD, NORTH CAROLINA THAT:

The City of Brevard identifies the following ten items as its chosen priorities for NCLM's legislative advocacy during the 2025 General Assembly;

- Expand funding opportunities for disaster resiliency and recovery efforts
- Establish long-term funding streams that adequately address water, sewer, stormwater, transportation and other infrastructure needs
- Expand state transportation funding streams for construction and maintenance of municipal and state-owned secondary roads
- Expand incentives and funding for local economic development
- Create incentives to encourage development of diverse housing options
- Provide local revenue options beyond the property tax
- Address the needs of a changing municipal workforce through state assistance that supports employee retention, including training and recruitment
- Update the annexation petition thresholds to make voluntary annexation easier to initiate
- Preserve authority for extraterritorial jurisdiction to ensure growth is well-planned and investments by homeowners and businesses are protected
- Protect the ability of municipal elected officials, acting on behalf of local voters, to determine election format, districts and other election matter currently under their purview

That Mayor Maureen Copelof is designated as Brevard's voting delegate for the purposes of recording the city's ten priority goals with NCLM.

Approved and adopted this ___ day of _____, 2025.

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Maureen Copelof
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Denise Hodsdon
City Clerk