RESOLUTION NO. 2025-XX

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR PUBLIC ART WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF HIGHWAY 64/276 (PISGAH FOREST) ROUNDABOUT

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is constructing the roundabout project (STIP Project #R-5799) at the intersection of U.S. Highway 64/276 and N.C. Highway 280 in Brevard, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard previously collaborated with NCDOT and its consultant, McAdams, to design and fund optional landscaping betterments within the project; and

WHEREAS, the Brevard community, led by a group of local artists, has proposed the installation of a bear sculpture within the center island of the Highway 64/276 (Pisgah Forest) roundabout, project R-5799, as a public art feature celebrating Brevard's natural heritage and serving as a gateway to the City; and

WHEREAS, NCDOT's Public Art in the Right-of-Way Policy requires that requests for artwork within the State highway right-of-way be formally initiated through a resolution of support adopted by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with NCDOT requirements, the City shall provide an opportunity for the community to consider and comment on the proposed art project through a public meeting at a regularly scheduled City Council Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has duly considered all comments received and finds that the proposed installation will enhance the public realm and is consistent with community goals; and

WHEREAS, the City has engaged McAdams to assist in preparing necessary documentation, design amendments, and coordination with NCDOT for the required encroachment review.

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

Section 1. The City of Brevard formally requests that the North Carolina Department of Transportation consider and approve the installation of a bear sculpture within the center island of the U.S. Highway 64/276 (Pisgah Forest) roundabout as part of the Public Art in the Right-of-Way program.

Section 2. The City acknowledges that the proposed artwork, its installation, and its long-term maintenance will be the responsibility of the City of Brevard, not NCDOT.

Section 3. The City further authorizes its staff and consultants to coordinate with NCDOT Division 14 and the Art in the Right-of-Way Committee to provide all necessary plans, analyses, and documentation to complete the encroachment review process.

Section 4. City Council hereby authorizes City staff to execute a contract with McAdams consistent with the stated terms and conditions and to proceed with the additional scope of work necessary to support the preparation, submittal, and coordination of the public art encroachment request with the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this, the 20th day of October, 2025.

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Maureen Copelof, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Denise Hodsdon, CMC
City Clerk