RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN BUNCOMBE COUNTY AND UNC ASHEVILLE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE FOUNDATION, INC. REGARDING RENEWABLE ENERGY FEASIBILITY SITE ASSESSMENTS

WHEREAS, cities and counties are authorized to enter into joint undertakings as authorized by NCGS §153A-445 and Ch. 160A, Art. 20, Part 1, Joint Exercise of Powers;

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 17-12-06, this Board established a goal for Buncombe County ("County") to transition to 100% renewable energy from fossil fuel energy for its own operations by December 31, 2030 and for all of Buncombe County by 2042;

WHEREAS, onsite renewable energy systems will support the County’s goal of transitioning to 100% renewable energy;

WHEREAS, by partnering on this project the County, UNC Asheville ("University") and the University of North Carolina Asheville Foundation, Inc. ("Foundation") will increase the number of onsite renewable energy systems and this may result in lower costs from responsive installers of renewable energy;

WHEREAS, the County has funded feasibility site assessments on University owned property;

WHEREAS, the University, Foundation and County mutually wish to partner on this initiative and find that, under the terms of this Agreement, it is in the best interests of both parties and that the undertaking will benefit the public; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Commissioners is of the opinion that it is in the best interest of citizens and residents of Buncombe County to enter into this proposed Intergovernmental Agreement with the University and Foundation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Chairman and the County Manager, or either of them, are hereby authorized to execute the attached Intergovernmental Agreement.
2. All acts and doings of officers, employees and agents of the County, whether taken prior to, on, or after the date of this Resolution, that are in conformity with and in the furtherance of the purposes and intents of this Resolution as described above shall be, and the same hereby are, in all respects ratified, approved and confirmed.

3. That this Resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

Adopted this 5th day of October, 2021.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

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Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board  Brownie Newman, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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County Attorney