

RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service; the State of North Carolina, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Division of Soil and Water Conservation; the Buncombe County Soil and Water Conservation District; and Buncombe County Regarding Conservation Services

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WHEREAS, the NRCS and Buncombe County Soil and Water Conservation District, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services - Division of Soil and Water Conservation and Buncombe County (referred to jointly as the Parties) have common objectives of delivering technical and financial assistance to farmers, ranchers, forest stewards, and other entities to voluntarily protect, restore, and enhance the productivity of American agricultural lands. The Parties recognize the importance of natural resources, the wise use and management of these natural resources, and, as appropriate, the protection and/or development of these natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Parties share the following common objectives:

- Continuing to support the delivery of excellent and innovative customer service;
- Recognizing conservation planning as foundational to our work, and working together to meet the conservation planning assistance needs of their cooperators/customers;
- Strengthening and modernizing conservation delivery to optimize efficiency and effectiveness;
- Broadening our outreach to existing and new customers and partners;
- Supporting science-based decision making as close to the resource issue/opportunity as possible;
- Encouraging a voluntary approach as the primary means of accomplishing conservation goals; and
- Using sound approaches to strengthen each Party and its role in the delivery of soil, water, and related natural resource conservation across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Buncombe County coordinates and implements locally led conservation plans using its connections to Federal, State, Tribal, and local governments; private resources; and the public; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to enter into a memorandum of agreement such as the proposed interlocal agreement (attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Agreement")), which would, among other things, facilitate cooperation, collaboration, and agreement between agencies, landowners, and other stakeholders; develop comprehensive conservation plans; and bring those plans to the attention of landowners and others within the district; and

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 153A-11 authorizes North Carolina counties to contract and be contracted with and N.C. Gen. Stat. § 160A-461 authorizes any unit of local government in North Carolina and any one or more other units of local government in North Carolina to enter into contracts or agreements with each other in order to execute any undertaking

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That it hereby authorizes the execution of the Agreement.
2. That the Chair, Vice Chair, and County Manager, or any of them, or their designee, acting individually or collectively, are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to take all actions necessary or appropriate in the judgment of such officers to accomplish the purposes and intents of this Resolution, including the execution and delivery of the Agreement and all other documents, agreements, instruments, and/or certificates contemplated and/or made necessary by said Agreement.
3. That, by and with the consent of the County Legal Department, County staff is hereby instructed to proceed with this undertaking and 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.
4. That this resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

This the \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

ATTEST

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE  
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

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Lamar Joyner, Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brownie Newman, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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County Attorney