RESOLUTION NO.	
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RESOLUTION REGARDING DEAVERVIEW MOUNTAIN PROPERTY

WHEREAS, Greenspace is widely viewed as a health promoting characteristic of residential environments and has been linked to mental health benefits as well as reducing mental fatigue and stress;

WHEREAS, Parks are a central community infrastructure bringing people and families together;

WHEREAS, Environmental benefits exist in the possibilities creating a county park on Deaverview Mountain as the property is a conservation opportunity and includes several headwater tributaries impacting water quality, the conservation of important wildlife habitat and a mature forest that provides a cooling effect for the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to declare its intent to explore creating a park on Deaverview Mountain.

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

- That Buncombe County hereby declares its intent to explore creating a county park or preserve for passive recreation and educational opportunities for our community.
- Staff with the Parks & Recreation Department is directed to partner with Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy on seeking state and federal funding.
- 3. Staff is further directed to proceed with any due diligence required for the establishment of the property as a park or preserve.
- 4. 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.

ADOPTED this the 18th day of April 2023.

ATTEST

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

By:

Brownie Newman, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM

County Attorney

That this resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

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