

**JOINT RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
FOR SENATE BILL 141 - WAYNESVILLE ANNEXATION/REFERENDUM
AND
FOR THE EXTENSION OF CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2016**

WHEREAS, on March 3rd, 2015, a local bill, Senate Bill 141, entitled Waynesville Annexation/Referendum was introduced by Senator Jim Davis (NC Senate District 50) with the full support of Representative Joe Sam Queen (NC House District 119); and

WHEREAS, in its 100 years of existence, the Lake Junaluska community has grown from a small seasonal summer camp to a 1200± acre year-round community of over 850 residential and commercial properties in need of a full range of municipal services; and

WHEREAS, the primary mission of Lake Junaluska Assembly, Inc. is to be a place of Christian hospitality, where lives are transformed through renewal of soul, mind and body, and not to be a direct provider of municipal services; and

WHEREAS, having spent over three years thoughtfully, transparently, and inclusively studying multiple options for the future governance and provision of municipal services for their community, the residents of Lake Junaluska Assembly presented petitions as of April 30, 2014, signed by 67% of the registered voters of Lake Junaluska Assembly, and 64% of all property owners (both resident and non-resident) within the Lake Junaluska service area, requesting annexation by the Town of Waynesville; and

WHEREAS, the representative, advisory and governing bodies of Lake Junaluska Assembly formally voted in 2013 to pursue annexation with the Town of Waynesville, a decision which has been reaffirmed in 2014, and now again in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Waynesville independently undertook a series of engineering, feasibility and service studies, and upon finding annexation of Lake Junaluska to be of potential benefit to the citizens of both Junaluska and the Town of Waynesville, the Town Board of Aldermen voted to affirm a partnership with Junaluska in seeking extension of corporate limits by legislative act, a decision which was reaffirmed in 2014, and now again in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned agencies can attest to the strong partnership that already exists between the Junaluska community and the Town of Waynesville, we encourage passage of the aforementioned bill so that the residents of Junaluska may have a voice in determining the long-term stability and provision of high quality municipal services for that community, so that it may thrive well into the future; and

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WHEREAS, the long term stability of Junaluska will strengthen the entirety of Haywood County, and thus the neighboring municipalities, whose collective efforts make for a prosperous region.

WHEREAS, extension of corporate limits by legislative act is the only method of annexation available in this particular circumstance, due to the unique development history of the Assembly and lack of sufficient contiguous border between the Town's corporate boundary and area to be annexed; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 141 sets the standard for self-determination even higher than that required for municipal-initiated annexations allowed by statute, by requiring a referendum of qualified voters in both the area to be annexed and within the corporate limits of the Town of Waynesville; and

WHEREAS, all studies, documents and information related to the proposed annexation are public record and officials of Lake Junaluska Assembly and the Town of Waynesville have committed to conducting public informational sessions as is customary in annexation proceedings; and

WHEREAS, the referendum will be conducted and certified by the Haywood County Board of Elections in accordance with G.S. 163-288.2 during the upcoming municipal election on November 3, 2015; and

WHEREAS, if a majority of the votes cast in both the Town of Waynesville and in the area known as Lake Junaluska Assembly are in favor of extending the corporate limits of the Town of Waynesville, the annexation would become effective June 30, 2016.

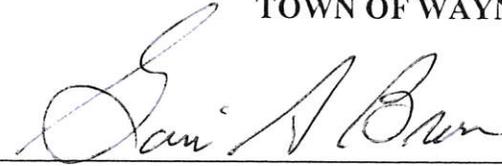
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the undersigned governing boards, councils and agencies of Haywood County affirm our support for Senate Bill 141 giving residents in the Junaluska and Waynesville communities the power of self-determination over the annexation of Lake Junaluska Assembly by the Town of Waynesville, and request that all members of the North Carolina General Assembly give favorable consideration and expeditious passage of Senate Bill 141, without further amendment.

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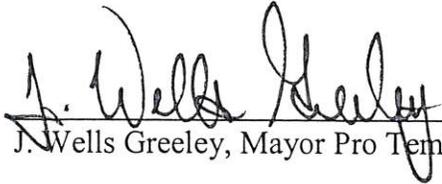
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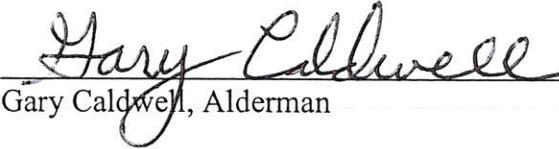
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN



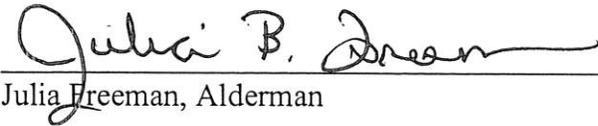
Gavin A. Brown, Mayor



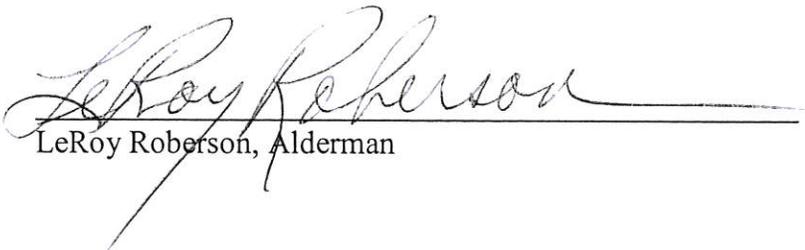
J. Wells Greeley, Mayor Pro Tem



Gary Caldwell, Alderman



Julia Freeman, Alderman

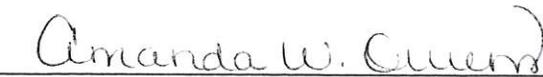


LeRoy Roberson, Alderman



Marcia D. Onieal, Town Manager

ATTEST:

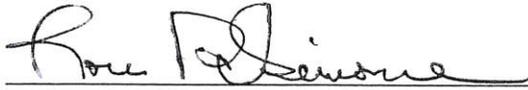


Amanda W. Owens, Town Clerk



Adopted this the 9 day of March, 2015.

TOWN OF MAGGIE VALLEY BOARD OF ALDERMEN



Ron DeSimone, Mayor



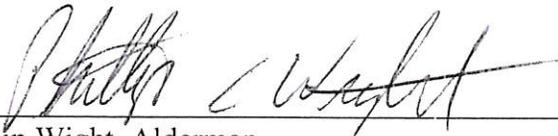
Saralyn Price, Mayor Pro Tem



Dr. Janet Banks, Alderman



Mike Eveland, Alderman

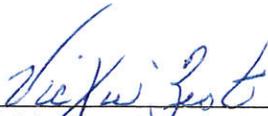


Phillip Wight, Alderman



Nathan Clark, Town Manager

ATTEST:



Vickie Best, Town Clerk

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Adopted this the 12th day of March 2015.

TOWN OF CANTON BOARD OF ALDERMAN

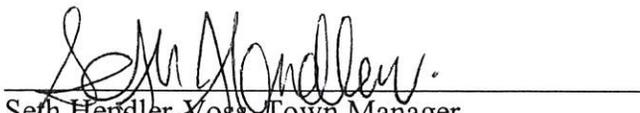

Michael B. Ray, Mayor


Carole Edwards, Mayor Pro-Tem


Zeb Smathers, Alderman


Gail Mull, Alderman


Dr. Ralph Hamlett, Alderman


Seth Hendler-Voss, Town Manager

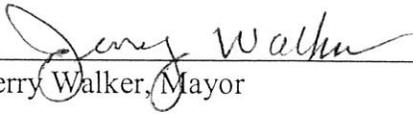
ATTEST:


Lisa Stinnett, Deputy Town Clerk

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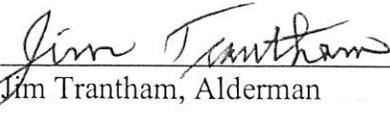
TOWN OF CLYDE BOARD OF ALDERMEN



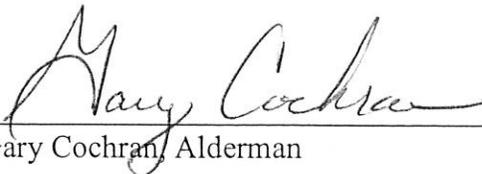
Jerry Walker, Mayor

Member absent from meeting due to illness

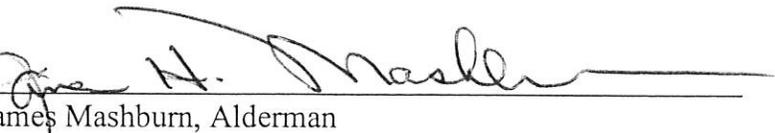
Carroll Mease, Mayor Pro Tem



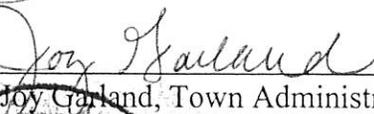
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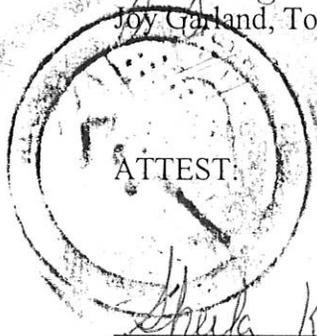
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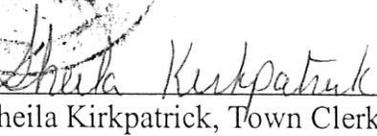


James Mashburn, Alderman



Joy Garland, Town Administrator





Sheila Kirkpatrick, Town Clerk

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Adopted this the 16th day of March, 2015.

HAYWOOD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Mark S. Swanger, Chairman



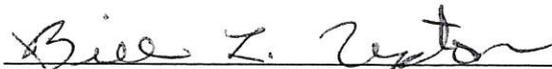
J.W. "Kirk" Kirkpatrick, III, Vice Chairman



L. Kevin Ensley, Commissioner



Michael T. Sorrells, Commissioner



Bill L. Upton, Commissioner

ATTEST:



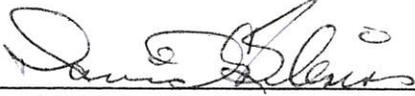
Ira L. Dove, County Manager
Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners



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Adopted this the 19th day of March, 2015.

HAYWOOD COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



David Blevins, Peak Energy



Gavin Brown, Town of Waynesville



Lynn Collins, Haywood TDA



Ron DeSimone, Town of Maggie Valley



Ira Dove, Haywood County Manager



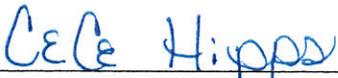
Jack Ewing, Lake Junaluska Assembly, Inc.



Ken Flynt, Western Carolina University



Dane Griswold, Evergreen Packaging



CeCe Higgs, Haywood Co. Chamber of Commerce



Bruce Johnson, Champion Supply



Ron Leatherwood, Clark & Leatherwood Construction



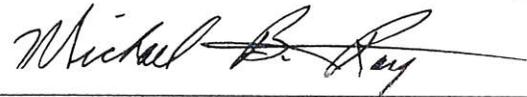
Scott McLeod, Smoky Mountain News



Barbara Parker, Haywood Community College



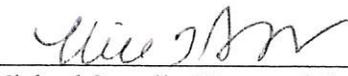
Kaleb Rathbone, Mtn. Research Station



Michael Ray, Town of Canton



Zeb Smathers, Smathers Law Firm



Michael Sorrells, Haywood Co. Commissioners



John Tench, Home Trust Bank



Jim Trantham, Town of Clyde



Jason Walls, Duke Energy Progress



Danny Wingate, Haywood Builders Supply



Phillip Wright, Haywood Regional Medical

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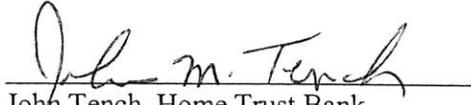
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**HAYWOOD COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**


Greg Boothroyd, Smoky Mountain News
Chairperson

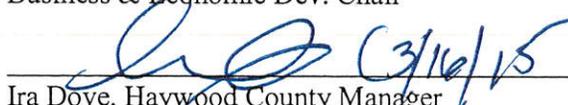

Nyda Bittmann-Neville, TNB Consulting
Incoming Chairperson


Bruce Johnson, Champion Janitorial Supply
Treasurer

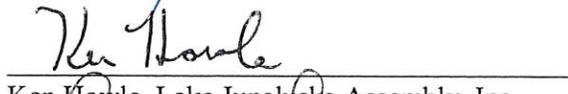

John Tench, Home Trust Bank
Government Relations Chair

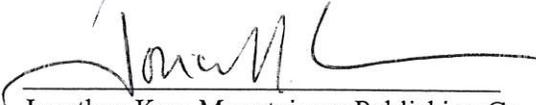

Ken Flynt, Western Carolina University
Business & Economic Dev. Chair


Travis Hyatt, M.B. Haynes Corporation
Young Professionals Chair

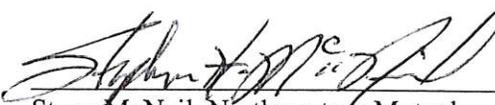

Ira Dove, Haywood County Manager

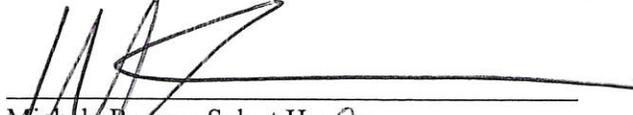

Michael Ferguson, Evergreen Packaging

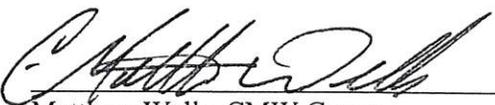

Ken Howle, Lake Junaluska Assembly, Inc.

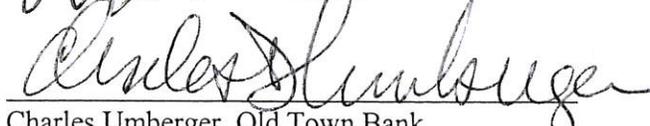

Jonathan Key, Mountaineer Publishing Co.

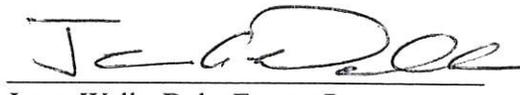

Laura Leatherwood, Haywood Community College

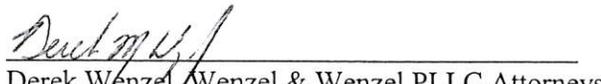

Steve McNeil, Northwestern Mutual

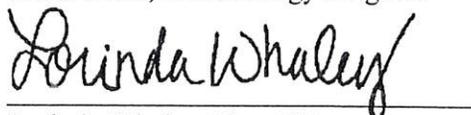

Michele Rogers, Select Homes


Matthew Wells, CMW Group

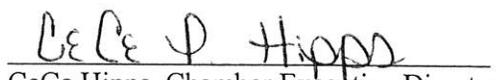

Charles Umberger, Old Town Bank


Jason Walls, Duke Energy Progress


Derek Wenzel, Wenzel & Wenzel PLLC Attorneys


Lorinda Whaley, First Citizens Bank

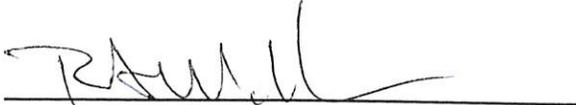

Phillip Wright, Haywood Regional Medical Center


CeCe Hipps, Chamber Executive Director

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DOWNTOWN WAYNESVILLE ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD


Richard Miller, President


John Keith, Vice President

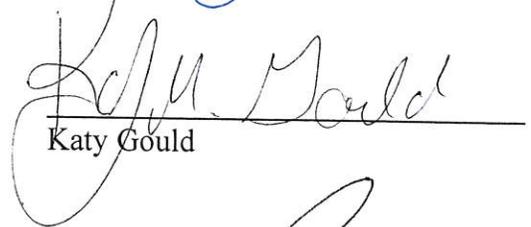

Teresa Pennington, Secretary

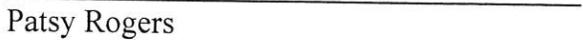

Julie Chitea, Treasurer


Melanee Lester, Past-President


Stephany Smathers


Greg Boothroyd

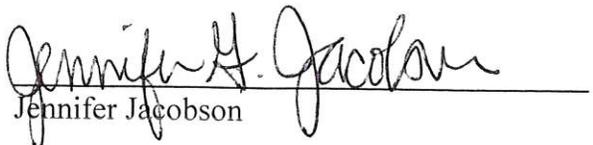

Katy Gould


Patsy Rogers

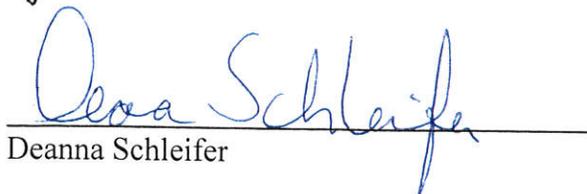

Brian Cagle

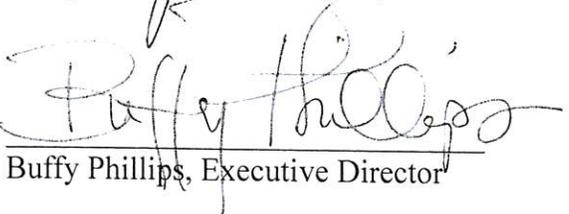

Jon Feichter


Carolyn Brunk


Jennifer Jacobson


Marty Prevost


Deanna Schleifer

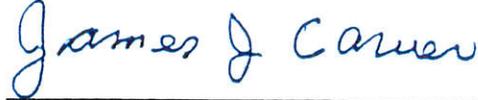

Buffy Phillips, Executive Director

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HAYWOOD COUNTY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY



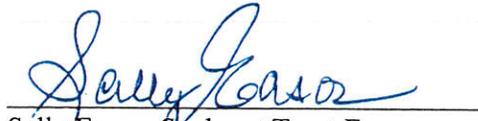
Lyndon Lowe, Twinbrook Resort
TDA Chair



James Carver, Maggie Valley Restaurant



Chris Corbin, Waynesville Inn Golf Resort & Spa



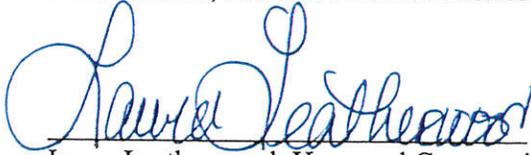
Sally Eason, Sunburst Trout Farms



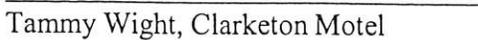
Mike Eveland, Town of Maggie Valley



Mike Graham, Jukebox Junction Restaurant



Laura Leatherwood, Haywood Community College
TDA Personnel Chair



Tammy Wight, Clarketon Motel



Beth Brown, Beth Brown Photography
TDA Vice Chair



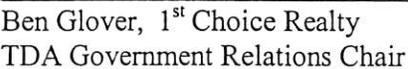
Mark Clasby, Haywood County EDC
(ex officio)



Julie Davis, Haywood County
(ex officio)



Carole Edwards, Town of Canton



Ben Glover, 1st Choice Realty
TDA Government Relations Chair



Ken Howle, Lake Junaluska Assembly, Inc.



Michael Sorrells, Haywood County Commissioners
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Lynn Collins, TDA Executive Director

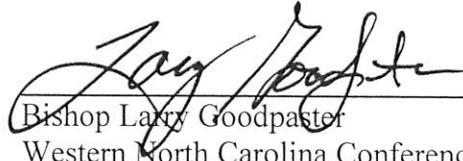
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Affirmed this the 5th day of March, 2015.

LAKE JUNALUSKA ASSEMBLY



Ed LaFountaine, President
Lake Junaluska
Property Owners Organization



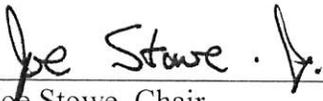
Bishop Larry Goodpaster
Western North Carolina Conference



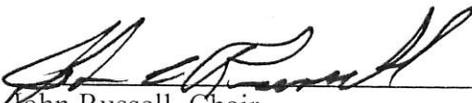
Jimmy Pennell, Chair
Junaluska Assembly
Community Council



Ron Clauser, Chair
Municipal Study Task Force



Joe Stowe, Chair
Assembly Public Works
Advisory Committee



John Russell, Chair
Lake Junaluska Assembly, Inc.
Board of Trustees



Jack Ewing, Executive Director
Lake Junaluska Assembly, Inc



Lake Junaluska

Board of Trustees 2015

Ex-Officio Board Members with Vote

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| • Western North Carolina Conference Bishop | Bishop Larry Goodpaster |
| • Holston Conference Bishop | Bishop Mary Virginia Taylor |
| • SEJ College of Bishops Representative | Bishop Jonathan Holston |
| • Junaluska Associates President | Bob Bowling |
| • Junaluska Assembly Community Council Chairperson | Jimmy Pennell |
| • Junaluskans President | Steve Berwager |
| • Lake Junaluska Property Owners Organization President | Ed LaFontaine |

Ex-Officio Board Member without Vote

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| • Intentional Growth Center Board Chair | Kevin Slimp |
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Elected Board Members

Class of 2015

Bill Gattis
Bobby Ray Hicks
Susan Jenkins
Tom McLaughlin
Joanna Paysour
John Russell
Arch Stokes
Mike Warren

Class of 2016

Snookie Brown
Mary Allen Conforti
Grace Gattis
Stephanie Hand
James Kim
Robbie Lowry
Don Mosely
Connie Shelton

Class of 2017

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Ken Jenkins
Joy Melton
Bill Musgrave
Ken Partin
Sally Gray Smith
Joe Stowe
Mary Frances Tucker