

Resolution # -\_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL OF  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE CITY OF SALUDA TO APPLY FOR A  
MERGER/REGIONALIZATION FEASIBILITY GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Saluda is a current municipal wholesale Hendersonville water customer;  
and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) is accepting applications for Merger/Regionalization Feasibility (MRF) grants, which allow a utility to identify and then work with partnering utilities to investigate the challenges, benefits, and implications for both utilities to merge, in part or in whole, to regionalize, or some combination thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Saluda wishes to apply for a MRF grant to further investigate the potential merger of its water system with the Hendersonville water system to ensure long-term viability for its customers; and

**WHEREAS**, a Letter of Acknowledgement from Hendersonville as the partnering utility is required for the grant application; and

**WHEREAS**, the collaborations of the study are not binding, and the Acknowledgement Letter does not commit Hendersonville to act on the findings.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Hendersonville, North Carolina that:

1. Authorize the City Manager, John Connet, to execute and submit a Letter of Acknowledgement as the partnering utility.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Hendersonville, North Carolina on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Attest:

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Barbara G. Volk, Mayor, City of Hendersonville

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Angela L. Reece, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Angela S. Beeker, City Attorney