

Resolution # -____

**RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL TO
SUPPORT THE CITY OF SALUDA MERGER INTEGRATION ASSISTANCE
GRANT**

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

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) previously awarded a Merger/Regionalization Feasibility (MRF) study grant to the City of Saluda. The study investigated the challenges, benefits, and implications for the Saluda water system to merge, in part or in whole, to regionalize, or some combination thereof with the partnering utility - Hendersonville; and

WHEREAS, the MRF study identified several needs/projects necessary for a merger of the Saluda water system into the Hendersonville water system. The identified needs/projects will also improve the resilience of the Saluda water system regardless of its ownership; and

WHEREAS, additional funding administered by NCDEQ is available for local governments for advancing regionalization efforts that improve utility system resiliency. The City of Saluda intends to request funding in an attempt to implement some of the needs/projects identified in the MRF study; and

WHEREAS, A Letter of Support from the partnering utility, Hendersonville, is required for the funding application. The Letter of Support does not commit Hendersonville to act on a merger, in part or in whole, regionalization, or some combination thereof.

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 Support for the City of Saluda Merger Integration Grant.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Hendersonville, North Carolina on this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Attest:

Barbara G. Volk, Mayor, City of Hendersonville

Jill Murray, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Angela S. Becker, City Attorney