

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING SULLIVAN COUNTY ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP PURSUE A WORKING
PARTNERSHIP WITH THE APPALACHIAN HIGHLANDS
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP, INC.

WHEREAS, the City of Kingsport has been a member and supporter of the Sullivan County Economic Development Partnership (hereinafter "NETWORKS") since its creation in 2004 and currently contributes more than \$450,000 annually for NETWORKS operations and debt service; and

WHEREAS, the city staff work alongside NETWORKS personnel on traditional economic development efforts to recruit and retain industry which benefits the health, comfort and prosperity of the city's citizens; and

WHEREAS, city however acknowledges the need to diversify economic development endeavors in the current economic climate to ensure growth not only as a city but as a driver of industry and development for the county and the region; and

WHEREAS, in order to achieve diversified economic development city deems it not only beneficial but also necessary to collaborate with multiple public and private entities whose purpose is to foster economic development; and

WHEREAS, as such city deems it advisable to pursue possibilities for the expansion of economic development partnerships to diversify economic opportunities in the city and the greater region as a whole; and

WHEREAS, city has identified the Appalachian Highlands Economic Development Partnership, Inc. (hereinafter "NETN HUB") as one such entity which may assist not only city but the region as a whole with economic development and therefore benefit the health, comfort and prosperity of city's citizens; and

WHEREAS, as a member of NETWORKS city deems a working partnership between the two entities to be in city's best interest.

Now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. That the Board hereby requests NETWORKS pursue a working partnership with NETN HUB.

SECTION II. That the Board hereby requests NETWORKS present to the Board on or before June 20th, 2023, those actions taken by NETWORKS to partner with NETN HUB.

SECTION III. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the public welfare requiring it.

ADOPTED this the 21st day of March, 2023.

PATRICK W. SHULL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ANGELA MARSHALL, DEPUTY CITY RECORDER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RODNEY B. ROWLETT, III, CITY ATTORNEY