

**TOWN OF SYLVA  
NORTH CAROLINA**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF KEEPING THE JACKSON COUNTY LIBRARY  
COMPLEX UNDER THE CONTROL AND LEASING AUTHORITY OF THE  
JACKSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson County Public Library serves as a vital educational, cultural, and community resource for the residents of the Town of Sylva and Jackson County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson County Library Complex — including the library building, the community gathering spaces and the old Jackson County courthouse— represents a significant public investment in literacy, lifelong learning, historical preservation, and equal access to information; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Sylva has historically used the community and meeting rooms in the old courthouse when the Town’s meeting room was not large enough to accommodate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson County Public Library system has historically maintained stewardship, management, and leasing authority over the Jackson County Library Complex, ensuring that decisions regarding use of the facilities are aligned with the library’s mission and consistent with community needs; and

**WHEREAS**, maintaining the library’s control and leasing authority promotes stability, continuity of operations, and responsible space management that prioritizes public benefit, educational programming, and community access; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Sylva recognizes the Jackson County Public Library as a trusted and capable public institution, whose governance structure and oversight mechanisms ensure that use of the Library Complex is devoid of partisan politics, ensures the best interests and continued public use by the residents of Sylva and Jackson County; and

**WHEREAS**, transferring, reducing, or altering the library’s authority over the Jackson County Library Complex could jeopardize the consistency, accessibility, and mission-driven use of these facilities, potentially impacting local residents, community organizations, and public services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Sylva wishes to affirm its support for the Jackson County Public Library’s continued management role and to encourage cooperative decision-making that protects the long-term public interest.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Sylva that the Town hereby expresses its strong support for keeping the Jackson County Library Complex under the direct control, management, and leasing authority of the Jackson County Public Library; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town encourages Jackson County leadership and the Jackson County Library Board to work collaboratively to ensure that all future decisions regarding the facility continue to prioritize public use, educational access, cultural programming, and the long-term mission of the library system; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Jackson County Board of Commissioners, the Jackson County Library Board of Trustees, and the Fontana Regional Library administration.

Adopted this the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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Mayor Johnny Phillips, Town of Sylva

ATTEST:

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Town Clerk