

**Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Grant Funding
from the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources**

Whereas, it is the desire of the Town of Sylva, to provide quality, recreational opportunities to the residents of Sylva, NC, and

Whereas, the Town of Sylva is committed to the improvement, long-term stewardship, and maintenance of Pinnacle Park, and

Whereas, investment is needed to expand the trail system to provide additional safe and accessible user experiences, and the Pinnacle Park Master Plan has identified additional trail sections that would create a loop for users; and

Whereas, the Town of Sylva was awarded grant funding from the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation, Recreational Trails Program to connect the West Fork and East Fork trails, construct a footbridge, and provide access to a waterfall that has not previously been accessible to the public; and

Whereas, the Town of Sylva has received the grant from the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Recreational Trails Program in the amount of \$92,000 for the construction of 1.9 miles of sustainably built hiking trails and a creek crossing; and

Whereas, the Town of Sylva will be required to provide matching funds of \$23,000. The matching funds have been approved in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget and will be appropriated from the Fisher Creek Fund; and

Whereas, the Town of Sylva desires to accept the grant money awarded and construct 1.9 miles of trails and a creek crossing; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, the Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners accepts the grant from the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Recreational Trails Program and authorizes the Town Manager, in conjunction with the Town of Sylva Finance and Public Works Departments, to proceed with the grant agreement formal steps to hire a trail builder.

Approved this the 10th day of July 2025.

Johnny Phillips, Mayor

Amanda Murajda, Town Clerk