

## RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

**Whereas**, the Town of Sylva would like to recognize Christopher Hatton's service to the Town from August 12, 2019 till April 30, 2026; and

**Whereas**, Christopher Hatton has served the Town of Sylva and its citizens as Chief of Police; and

**Whereas**, Christopher Hatton has dedicated his life to protect and serve his community as a member of the law enforcement for 30 years; and

**Whereas**, during Christopher Hatton's time with the Sylva Police department he was instrumental in leading the department in becoming the 2023 North Carolina Police Agency of the Year by the NC Police Executives Association, strengthening community partnerships and implementing a Community Care Program Social Work Program; and

**Whereas**, the Town of Sylva, its employees, and its citizens extend a sincere expression of appreciation to Christopher Hatton for his dedication to the safety of the community and leadership in the Sylva Police Department, and wish him the very best in his retirement; and

**Whereas**, in accordance with N.C.G.S 17F-20, at the request of the Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners, Christopher Hatton receive his badge; and

**Whereas**, in accordance with N.C.G.S 17F-20, at the request of the Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners, Christopher Hatton receive his service side arm, a Glock Model 45 (9mm), Serial Number CEMV792; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Sylva that this Resolution of Appreciation and Declaration of Surplus Property be presented to Christopher Hatton upon his retirement. The service side arm is hereby declared surplus to the Town of Sylva and the Town Manager is authorized to present said badge and service side arm to Christopher Hatton.

Approved this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2026.

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Johnny Phillips, Mayor

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Amanda W. Murajda, Town Clerk