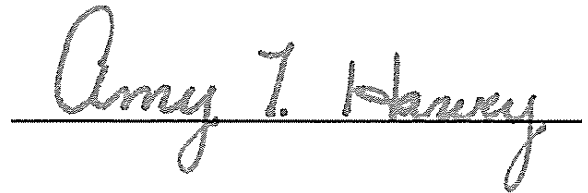


I, Amy T. Harvey, Deputy Town Clerk of the Town of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of (2023-01-11/R-9) adopted by the Chapel Hill Town Council on January 11, 2023.

This the 12th day of January, 2023.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Amy T. Harvey", is written over a horizontal line.

**Amy T. Harvey
Deputy Town Clerk**



A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF JOINING THE GREAT TRAILS STATE COALITION IN 2023 (2023-01-11/R-9)

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly has proclaimed 2023 as the Year of the Trail; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated the value of trails as safe places for people to get outdoors for their physical and mental health and sense of wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, trails and greenways provide key amenities to neighborhoods and are often the centerpiece of a community bringing people together to exercise, play and connect with nature; and

WHEREAS, the parks, greenways, trails and natural areas in our community are welcoming to all and provide a common ground for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds to access our rich and diverse natural, cultural, and historic resources; and

WHEREAS, trails offer quality-of-life benefits to all as expressions of local community character and pride, as outdoor workshops for science education, as tools for economic revitalization, as free resources for healthy recreation, as accessible alternative transportation, and as sites for social and cultural events; and

WHEREAS, trails have significant impact on the economic viability of the community through increased levels of tourism, enhanced property values, as well as the ability to attract and retain businesses; and

WHEREAS, according to a NC State study on shared use paths, every \$1 spent on greenway construction generates \$1.72 annually from local business revenue, sales tax revenue, and benefits related to health and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Chapel Hill is committed to implementing Everywhere to Everywhere Greenways and wants to support the work of the Great Trails State Coalition to secure state funding for greenway and trail construction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council supports joining the Great Trails State Coalition in 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council supports trails and is committed to supporting trail events during 2023 to celebrate the Year of the Trail.

This, the 11th day of January, 2023.