

A RESOLUTION

TO APPROVE THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN GREENVILLE COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPALITIES OF FOUNTAIN INN, GREER, MAULDIN, SIMPSONVILLE, AND TRAVELERS REST TO OBTAIN URBAN COUNTY STATUS WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND APPOINT THE GREENVILLE COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (GCRA) AS ITS AGENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING ANY GRANT FUNDS RECEIVED AS A RESULT OF THE AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, since 1978 the County of Greenville has joined with the five included small municipalities of Fountain Inn, Greer, Mauldin, Simpsonville, and Travelers Rest, executing a Cooperative Agreement every three years, in order to obtain Urban County status with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and be eligible to receive annual Urban County entitlement grants of Community Development Block Grant, HOME Partnership Grant and Emergency Solutions Grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the partnership has been successful, resulting in the receipt of millions of dollars in grant funds by the County and these municipalities which has been vital in providing and improving housing for low- and moderate-income families in the County and the municipalities, as well as the infrastructure in their communities, economic development, recreation, and social services throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the Greenville County Council finds that participation by the municipalities of Fountain Inn, Greer, Mauldin, Simpsonville, and Travelers Rest in the County of Greenville Urban County Community Development Block Grant and the HOME Investment Partnership Grant programs has been advantageous to the County and the municipalities in assisting in the redevelopment of each city or town; and

WHEREAS, the County and the municipalities have designated the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority (GCRA) as their agent to administer the grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the prior Cooperative Agreement between the County and the municipalities, dated on or about August 14, 2014 (the “2014 Agreement”), automatically renewed for an additional three qualifying periods covering Federal Fiscal Years 2018-2020, 2021-2023, and 2024-2026, the last of which was confirmed by Greenville County Council Resolution No. 1933 (July 18, 2023); and

WHEREAS, the auto-renewal capacity of the 2014 Agreement is fully expended at the close of Federal Fiscal Year 2026, requiring the parties to enter a new Cooperative Agreement to support qualification for Federal Fiscal Years 2027-2029 and successive three-year qualification periods; and

WHEREAS, the elected governing bodies of each municipality has chosen to continue participation in the grant programs and enter a new Cooperative Agreement with the County for the period FY 2027-2029 with successive three-year qualification periods.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Greenville County Council that the County of Greenville shall enter a new Cooperative Agreement with the cities of Fountain Inn, Greer, Mauldin, Simpsonville and Travelers Rest and shall appoint the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority (GCRA) as its agent for the purpose of administering any grant funds received as a result of this Agreement.

DONE IN REGULAR MEETING THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

Benton Blount, Chairman
County Council

Regina McCaskill
Clerk to Council

Joseph M. Kernell
County Administrator