

**RESOLUTION NO. BR2023-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, STATE OF GEORGIA, SUPPORTING THE CALL FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION TO IMPOSE A COUNTY SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (SPLOST), APPROVING THE SPLOST INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS FROM THE 2023 SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS BETWEEN FANNIN COUNTY AND THE CITY OF MCCAYSVILLE, AND THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR ON THE CITY'S BEHALF TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED SPLOST INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Whereas,** O.C.G.A. § 48-8-110 et seq. (the "Act"), authorizes the levy of a one percent County Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (the "SPLOST") for the purpose of financing capital outlay projects for the use and benefit of the County and qualified municipalities within the County; and

**Whereas,** the County and Municipalities met to discuss possible projects for inclusion in the SPLOST referendum on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022 and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2022 in conformance with the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 48-8-111 (a); and

**Whereas,** the County and Municipalities have negotiated a division of the Special Local Option Sales Tax proceeds as authorized by the Act; and

**Whereas,** Section 1.12(b)(7) of the Charter of the City of Blue Ridge, Georgia (hereinafter, the "City") authorized the City "[t]o enter into contracts and agreements with other governments and entities and with private persons, firms, and corporations" and

**Whereas,** Section 3.22(12) of the Charter authorizes the Mayor to "[s]ign, as a matter of course, all written contracts, ordinances, and other instruments executed by the city..." and

**Whereas,** the City Council finds it in the public interest and in the best interest of the City to authorize the Mayor on the City's behalf to execute and otherwise approve the attached SPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement between Fannin County, the City of McCaysville and the City of Blue Ridge.

**Now, Therefore, Be it resolved,** that the City Council of Blue Ridge does hereby support the call for a special election to impose a County Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax and approve the SPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement between Fannin County, City of McCaysville and the City of Blue Ridge and authorizes the Mayor

to execute on the City's behalf. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

The forgoing Resolution was offered by Jack Taylor who moved it adoption. The motion was seconded by William Whaley, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Councilmember Angie Arp	<u>Yes</u>
Councilmember Jack Taylor	<u>Yes</u>
Councilmember Christy Kay	<u>Yes</u>
Councilmember Bill Bivins	<u>Yes</u>
Councilmember William Whaley	<u>Yes</u>

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.

Rhonda Haight  
RHONDA HAIGHT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Amy Mintz  
AMY MINTZ, CITY CLERK



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