

**A Resolution Encouraging State Funding for
Signage for the US National Whitewater Center**

WHEREAS, there has existed a unique, collaborative public/private partnership to construct and operate the US National Whitewater Center (USNWC), and

WHEREAS, that partnership has involved \$38M from the private sector to construct the facility, \$12M from six public sector local governments in Mecklenburg and Gaston Counties to provide operating/capital backstops for the USNWC, and \$1.8M from the North Carolina Department of Transportation for USNWC roadway access improvements known as Whitewater Center Parkway, and

WHEREAS, the remaining piece to be secured is funding for adequate interstate overhead signage on I-85 and interstate roadside signage on I-485, so that visitors can be routed to the USNWC in a direct, easily followed manner, and

WHEREAS, the failure to secure State funding for such signage will result in lost economic opportunity, for both local governments in Mecklenburg and Gaston Counties and for the State of North Carolina,

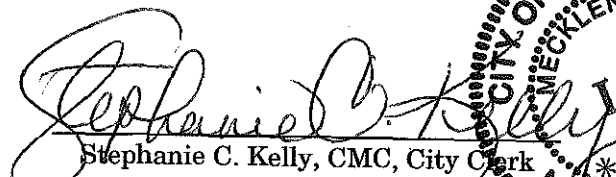
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Charlotte that it supports the securing of State funding (outside of equity formula road funding) for appropriate interstate highway signage that routes visitors to the newly constructed Whitewater Center Parkway, and that this be done as expeditiously as possible so that the signage can be installed commensurate with the opening of the Whitewater Center Parkway within the next sixty days.

Adopted this 5th day of January, 2009.

CERTIFICATION

I, Stephanie C. Kelly, City Clerk of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, in regular session convened on the 5th day of January, 2009, the reference having been made in Minute Book 128, and recorded in full in Resolution Book 41, Page 822.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this the 6th day of January, 2009.


Stephanie C. Kelly, CMC, City Clerk

