



RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

Whereas the **City of Charlotte City Council** is committed to maintaining and enhancing quality of life for its citizens and recognizes that the Carolina Thread Trail will contribute to quality of life by weaving together communities via a regional network of trails and greenways eventually connecting fifteen counties and millions of citizens; and

Whereas, many communities in our region have taken a lead in planning and/or building local trails and greenways, and those efforts can be greatly enhanced by being connected to a larger regional network of trails; and

Whereas, trails and their green buffer areas will help improve the quality of the air we breathe by preserving trees and vegetation and by promoting non-motorized transportation, and will enhance the quality of our water through natural buffers and mitigation of storm water run-off; and

Whereas, trails and greenways provide key amenities to neighborhoods and safe areas for our citizens and children to travel, exercise, play and connect with nature away from heavily trafficked areas; and

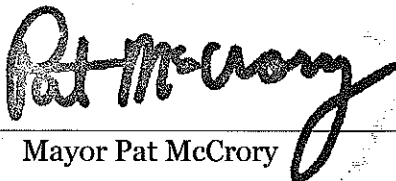
Whereas, trails have significant impact on the economic viability of the region through increased levels of tourism, enhanced property values, added jobs related to the construction of and along the trail, as well as enhanced ability to attract and retain businesses to the region due to improved quality of life; and

Whereas, trails and greenways are freely accessible community assets offering opportunities for recreation and exercise to everyone, including children, youth and families, and provide safe places for people to experience a sense of community and create stronger social and family ties; and

Whereas, there is no second chance to protect the Carolinas' great resources in this unique way for our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, and the cost of these invaluable resources will only increase in the future; and

Whereas, private funding is available to communities from the Carolina Thread Trail for planning and construction of regional trails, and this private funding will leverage public funding from federal, state and various sources.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved the **City of Charlotte City Council in Mecklenburg County** supports the Carolina Thread Trail and is committed in concept to working with neighboring communities and with the Carolina Thread Trail to plan, design and build a system of trails that will connect our communities, people and special regional points of interest for years to come.



Mayor Pat McCrory

9/14/09


Date

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CERTIFICATION

I, Melissa T. Johnson, Deputy 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 8th day September, 2009, the reference having been made in Minute Book 128, and recorded in full in Resolution Book 42, Pages (95-96).

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this the 14th day of September, 2009.


Melissa T. Johnson, Deputy City Clerk

