

**A RESOLUTION**

**TO APPROVE THE EXTENTION OF 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 SAID 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**, said 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 said municipalities as well as the infrastructure in their communities, economic development, recreation and social services throughout the County; and

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

**WHEREAS**, having been given the opportunity to opt out of the Urban County and its partnership with the municipalities and GCRA and choosing not to withdraw from the terms of the parties Cooperative Agreement, it is now time to the renew the arrangement for Fiscal Years 2024, 2025 and 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cooperative Agreement may be renewed upon County Council approval for participation in successive three-year qualification period, unless the County of Greenville or the participating municipalities of Fountain Inn, Greer, Mauldin, Simpsonville, and Travelers Rest elect not to participate in a new qualification period.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IS RESOLVED** by Greenville County Council that the County of Greenville shall continue its Cooperative Agreement with the cities of Fountain Inn, Greer, Mauldin, Simpsonville and Travelers Rest; and appoints the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority (GCRA) as its agent for the purpose of administering any grant funds received as a result of said Agreement.

**DONE IN REGULAR MEETING THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF JULY 2023.**

ATTEST:

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Dan Tripp, Chairman  
County Council

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Regina McCaskill  
Clerk to Council

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Joseph M. Kernell  
County Administrator