



**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ADDITION OF THE STOWE CONNECTOR TRAIL TO THE GASTON COUNTY CAROLINA THREAD TRAIL MASTER PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Carolina Thread Trail is a regional network of trails that connects 2.9 million people in 15 counties in North and South Carolina, and serves as an example of unprecedented regional collaboration that works to connect people and communities to nature and each other through its 1,610 miles of trails, greenways and blueways; and

**WHEREAS**, Gaston County was selected for a Carolina Thread Trail pilot project in 2007 to create a greenway master plan where the City of Belmont served on the steering committee; and

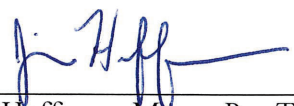
**WHEREAS**, the City of Belmont adopted a resolution of support for the Carolina Thread Trail Gaston County Master Plan in February 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2018 Comprehensive Land Use Plan outlines outdoor recreation as a guiding principle of Belmont, and notes that quality access, both visual and physical, to Belmont's more than seventeen miles of river frontage is valued and essential to the City's quality of life and character; and

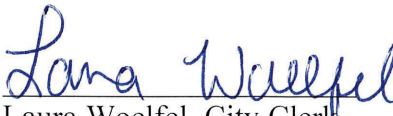
**WHEREAS**, providing trail access and connectivity to our community's key destinations, such as the Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden, is also a core tenet of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED** by the City Council of the City of Belmont that the City of Belmont fully supports the designation of the Stowe Connector Trail as a segment of the Gaston County Master Plan for the Carolina Thread Trail.

Adopted this 17th day of March, 2025.

  
Jim Hefferan, Mayor Pro Tem

**ATTEST:**

  
Laura Woelfel, City Clerk

