RESOLUTION 2025-05 TOWN OF SPRING CITY SPRING CITY TO CUMBERLAND TRAIL-PHASE II 2025 CDBG APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Town of Spring City wishes to expand recreational and civic opportunities available for both citizens, visitors, and tourists; and

WHEREAS, the Lyndhurst Foundation, Rhea County, the City of Dayton, the Town of Spring City, the Rhea County ECD, the Land Trust for Tennessee, and other stakeholders commissioned a Town (Dayton and Spring City) to the Cumberland Trail Connectivity Study in 2019; and

WHEREAS, this Comprehensive Study evaluated routes, surfacing, project costs, Right of Way considerations and many other factors

WHEREAS, Rhea County and the Town of Spring City have seen an increase in sales tax revenue directly attributable to tourism attractors, such as Greenways, State Parks, and civic events; and

WHEREAS, this Cumberland Trail Connectivity Study has identified Phase II Improvements, such as trails development; and

WHEREAS, The State of Tennessee Community Development Block Grant program has grant funds available to assist with Community Livability Projects, that compete within the Community Revitalization Project Category; and

WHEREAS, since Rhea County and the Town of Spring City are members of the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development's Three-Star Economic & Community Development Program, the Town of Spring City is eligible to apply for up to \$1,000,000 in CDBG funds and is eligible for a 4% discount towards the required local match; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Spring City can apply for a \$1,000,000 CDBG grant, with a required local match of 10%,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Town of Spring City Mayor is authorized to submit an application for \$1,000,000 in CDBG funds for the Spring City to Cumberland Trail and hereby commits to the required 10% local match.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to enter into any agreements necessary for the successful award of the grant, subject to its approval by the State.

BE IT EVEN FURTHER RESOLVED, if said application is approved, the Town of Spring City Mayor is hereby authorized to accept on behalf of the town said Community Development Block Grant, execute any and all documents and enter into agreements necessary for the successful application and award of the grant and to enter into a project administration agreement with the Southeast Tennessee Development District, subject to TNECD approval.

Passed 3-6 2025 Brende Norber

Leon Locke, Mayor Town of Spring City