A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE COUNTY-WIDE MANUFACTURED HOUSING ACTION PLAN

WHEREAS, Orange County and the towns of Carrboro, Chapel Hill, and Hillsborough have a long history of collaboration on housing topics; and

WHEREAS, manufactured housing is an important source of naturally occurring affordable housing serving diverse populations and vulnerable community members; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, a number of manufactured home communities in our County were identified for redevelopment by property owners, triggering the potential displacement of current residents; and

WHEREAS, the towns and county formed a work group with local housing partners to understand the risk, and potential remedies associated with this redevelopment issue, and strategies for improving and maintaining the quality of the manufactured home communities; and

WHEREAS, the work group generated a report on their findings and an inventory of manufactured housing communities in the county; and

WHEREAS, the environment for redevelopment has not abated and remains a constant threat for manufactured home parks in our community; and

WHEREAS, an updated, county-wide strategy, based upon prior findings and the current environment, is needed to preserve manufactured home communities, minimize resident displacement due to redevelopment, and provide meaningful relocation assistance options to be in place moving forward; and

WHEREAS, the Manufactured Home Staff Working Group with staff from the Town of Chapel Hill, Town of Carrboro, Town of Hillsborough, and Orange County came together to develop this coordinated plan; and

WHEREAS, engagement with residents in communities at risk was conducted to understand their concerns and preferences to guide the creation of the strategies included in the plan; and

WHEREAS, service providers, advocates, residents, and other stakeholders were consulted on development of the plan and staff incorporated feedback from the Orange County Local Government Affordable Housing Collaborative, the Carrboro Affordable Housing Commission, the Chapel Hill Housing Advisory Board, the Orange County Affordable Housing Advisory Board, the Orange County Affordable Housing Coalition, the Manufactured Homes Committee of the Orange County Affordable Housing Coalition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Carrboro Town Council that the Council endorses the County-Wide Manufactured Homes Action Plan and commits to working cooperatively with the County, Chapel Hill, and Hillsborough to implement the strategies noted in the plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council authorizes the Town Manager to make adjustments to the County-Wide Manufactured Homes Action Plan, as described in the April 5, 2022 meeting materials and as needed as the Towns move into implementation.

Adopted this 5th day of April, 2022.