RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TOWN OF CARRBORO APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING FOR THE EMERGENCY HOUSING ASSISTANCE FUND

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro Town Council adopted the Affordable Housing Goals and Strategies document on June 17, 2014, which includes provisions to help secure and maintain stable housing; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council, on June 23, 2020 indicated their support for collaborating with Chapel Hill, Hillsborough and Orange County to streamline and coordinate our rental and utility assistance process and increase funding to the Emergency Housing Assistance fund in order to stabilize housing for local residents in the wake of the COVID- 19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, \$300,000 in Town Coronavirus Relief Funds and \$22,084 in local money has been spent on the Emergency Housing Assistance program, and the community need continues to grow; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro wants to support its residents seeking assistance through the Orange County-administered Emergency Housing Assistance fund in order to prevent eviction and homelessness in Carrboro; and,

WHEREAS, Orange County has successfully administered this fund throughout the course of the pandemic and has agreed to enter into a contract with the Town of Carrboro to continue to administer the program; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council has held two public hearings concerning the proposed application for Community Development Block Grant funding to benefit the Town's residents through the Emergency Housing Assistance fund; and,

WHEREAS, Orange County will be administering the Emergency Housing Assistance program and has adopted a citizen participation plan in accordance with CGBG funding guidelines; all implementation, assessment, and technical assistance plan components will be completed by the County on behalf of the Town of Carrboro; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council members support the Town's formal application for Community Development Block Grant funding to benefit the Emergency Housing Assistance fund; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council members certify that the Town will meet all federal regulatory and statutory requirements of the State of North Carolina Community Development Block Grant Program,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town of Carrboro Town Council that the Town of Carrboro is authorized to submit a formal application to the North Carolina Department of Commerce for approval of a Community Development Block Grant to benefit the Emergency Housing Assistance fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Manager is authorized to execute a contract for CDBG-CV grant administration with Orange County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the application shall not be submitted until twenty four (24) hours after the approval of this resolution AND that if any written public comments are received during that time, the Town of Carrboro Town Council shall reconvene to consider the comments and adopt a new resolution authorizing the application, consistent with NCGS (S.L. 2020-3, SB 704).

This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.