

RESOLUTION NO. 23-10-018

SPONSORED BY: Commissioners Jared Anderson, Nick Bright and Mike Caylor

A RESOLUTION to approve a contingency plan to enter into an interlocal agreement to keep the Great Smoky National Park open in the event of a federal government shut down

WHEREAS, The State of Tennessee and the Department of Interior have drafted an agreement to provide funding to ensure the Great Smoky Mountains National Park remains open in the event of a Federal Government shut down.

WHEREAS, Several counties in Tennessee and North Carolina have initiated a collaborative agreement to prevent the potential negative impact to tourism to our economy.

WHEREAS, The Mayor has been in communication with surrounding government leaders and supports taking action to ensure the Great Smoky National Park remains open during a federal government shutdown.

WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of Blount County, Tennessee, to partner with surrounding local governments to keep the park open; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Request that the Mayor have authority to execute the Interlocal Agreement and allow use of fund balance to keep the Great Smoky Mountains National Park open to the public, by the Legislative Body of Blount County, Tennessee, assembled in regular/called session on this 19th day of October 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution take effect from and after its passage, until such time as an additional agreement needs consideration, and that any part of any prior resolution to the contrary is hereby declared null and void.

Duly authorized and approved the 19th of October 2023.

CERTIFICATION OF ACTION

Commission Chairman

County Mayor

☐ Approved

☐ Vetoed

ATTEST

County Clerk

Date