

RESOLUTION NO. 25-10-014

SPONSORED BY: Commissioners Jared Anderson, Ron French, John Giles, Scott King, Mike Caylor, Earl McMahan, Jared Anderson, Dawn Reagan, Quentin Caldwell, John Giles, Linda Webb, and Staci Martin

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A CONTINGENCY PLAN TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT TO KEEP THE GREAT SMOKY NATIONAL PARK OPEN AND FULLY OPERATIONAL IN THE EVENT OF A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUT DOWN

- WHEREAS,** Sevier County and the United States Government, through the Department of Interior and National Park Service are drafting an agreement to provide funding to ensure the Great Smoky Mountains National Park remains open and fully operational in the event of a Federal Government shut down; and
- WHEREAS,** Several counties in Tennessee and the State of Tennessee have initiated a collaborative agreement wherein they will contribute to continued funding of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park during the Federal Government shut down to keep the Park open and fully operational; and
- WHEREAS,** The Blount County Mayor has been in communication with surrounding government leaders and supports taking action to ensure the Great Smoky Mountains National Park remains open and fully operational during a Federal Government shut down, and as in previous shut-downs, will seek reimbursement by either the State of Tennessee and/or the Federal Government; and
- WHEREAS,** It is in the best interest of Blount County, Tennessee, to partner with surrounding local governments to keep the park open and fully operational.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Blount County Mayor shall have the authority to execute the Interlocal Agreement to allow use of the Blount County fund balance to keep the Great Smoky Mountains National Park open and fully operational to the public, authorized by the Legislative Body of Blount County, Tennessee, assembled in special called session on this 9th day of October, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and the same shall continue in time and provide the Mayor with the future authority to help fund the Great Smoky Mountains National Park until such time as a special called or regular meeting of Commission occurs. The Mayor will also seek reimbursement to Blount County from either the State of Tennessee or the United States Government any money temporarily provided to fund the Great Smoky Mountains National Park during any future closures of the Federal Government that threaten or cause the Park to be closed.

Duly authorized and approved the 9th of October, 2025.

CERTIFICATION OF ACTION

ATTEST

Commission Chairman

County Clerk

County Mayor

Date

- ☐ Approved
- ☐ Vetoed