RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEMSON INDICATING FORMAL SUPPORT OF THE GREEN CRESCENT TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY AND OF THE ONGOING EFFORTS OF THE FRIENDS OF THE GREEN CRESCENT TO BUILD THE GREEN CRESCENT TRAIL, A PEDESTRIAN AND BIKING TRAIL NETWORK, WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF CLEMSON.

WHEREAS, in 2016 a feasibility study was administered by the Friends of the Green Crescent, a South Carolina 501(3)(c) Non-Profit, and Alta Planning + Design, an engineering and design firm, to study and master-plan the Green Crescent Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Green Crescent Trail is a proposed 35-mile pedestrian and bicycle pathway network that will pass through the City of Clemson; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clemson will be connected by the Green Crescent Trail to other important destinations such as Southern Wesleyan University, the City of Clemson, Clemson University, the Town of Pendleton, Clemson Experimental Forest, and other cultural and social destinations beyond; and

WHEREAS, the Green Crescent Trail will connect residents and visitors to important local sites that showcase our community's natural, historic, and cultural richness;

WHEREAS, the Green Crescent Trail will serve walkers, bicyclists, runners, dog walkers, students, families with children, the physically challenged, and other non-motorized users, both local residents and out of town visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Green Crescent Trail, by providing an off-road route separated from vehicular traffic, will encourage people of all ages to increase the time they spend outdoors, offering improved health and physical fitness through improved access to their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Green Crescent Trail, by offering residents and tourists access to commercial, natural, historical, and cultural sites, will bring economic and quality of life benefits to the City of Clemson and other communities along the trail;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clemson City Council:

1. Desires to accept the Green Crescent Feasibility Study and incorporate its contents into the City of Clemson comprehensive plan.
2. Seeks to establish and maintain mutually beneficial relationships with the Friends of the Green Crescent organization and to partner with their efforts to bring the Green Crescent Trail to reality within the City of Clemson and beyond.
3. Agrees to adopt measures to fund a portion of the engineering & construction of the Green Crescent Trail and associated amenities including wayfinding signage within the City of Clemson.

4. Agrees to accept responsibility for ongoing maintenance of the Green Crescent Trail within the city limits of Clemson.
5. Agrees to collaborate with neighboring municipalities and institutions to promote and market the Green Crescent Trail as an important regional recreational, natural and cultural resource.
6. Agrees to allocate $25,000 from the current year's budget to be matched by $5,000 raised by the Friends of the Green Crescent to install wayfinding, kiosks, and maps along all of the Green Crescent Trail routes within the City of Clemson.
7. Agrees to immediately begin working with Mr. Steve Sefick to create and accept a recreational easement across his property on Pendleton Rd and Issaqueena Trail for the first segment of the 18-Mile Creek Corridor of the Green Crescent Trail.
8. Agrees to partner with the Friends of the Green Crescent trail to begin fundraising, easement acquisition, engineering, surveying, and other steps necessary to construct the Green Crescent Trail in the City of Clemson.