RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HIGH POINT AND THE PIEDMONT AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION TO OFFER FARE FREE TRANSIT FOR TRANSIT EMPLOYEES ON ALL URBAN FIXED ROUTE TRANSIT SYSTEMS OF THE TRIAD

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 160A-461 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the City of High Point ("City") is authorized to enter into interlocal agreements with other units of local government and local political subdivisions in order to execute any undertaking; and

WHEREAS, the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation ("PART") is a body politic and corporate in the State of North Carolina, established and regulated in accordance with the provisions of Article 27, Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes; and

WHEREAS, PART and the member jurisdictions each operate separate, fixed route bus systems; and

WHEREAS, the benefit for the dedication of the employees' from each system is bestowed for their ongoing commitment to the industry and the customers PART serves by providing the following:

- 1. Partner system employees riding a partner system that is fare free or does not have a digital fare payment system can show their employee ID badge and will be provided with a free ride.
- 2. Partner system employees riding a partner system with a digital fare payment system shall be provided an Employee Pass providing free rides. (The Employee Pass must be applied for and issued prior to the first trip).

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of PART and the member jurisdictions have ratified this Agreement by resolution and that action being recorded in their respective minutes; and

WHEREAS, PART and the member jurisdictions have determined that it is in the public benefit and interest to enter into this Agreement to provide for an efficient public transportation service to their service areas.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the High Point City Council, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement between the City of High Point and the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation to offer fare free transit for transit employees on all urban fixed route transit systems of the triad.

Adopted this the 4th day of March 2024.

Sandra Keeney

High Point City Clerk

Cyril Jefferson,