

**RESOLUTION OF THE WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO
AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WAKE
COUNTY AND WAKE COUNTY MUNICIPAL PARTIES FOR PARTICIPATION IN
eMPA PROFESSIONAL DEGREE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the County and the Municipal Parties are committed to enhancing public service and leadership development within local government, including cultivation of future leaders and networks within Wake County; and

WHEREAS, the County has identified the Executive Master of Public Administration (“eMPA”) degree program offered by East Carolina University (“ECU”) as a valuable resource for achieving this goal. The eMPA curriculum is designed to develop and enhance public governance skills, including management and leadership, public policy and problem-solving skills with a focus on public service perspective; and

WHEREAS, the County will execute a separate agreement with ECU (“ECU Agreement”), under which the County will pay the program costs upfront, thereby facilitating the participation of qualified applicants from the County and the Municipal Parties; and

WHEREAS, the eMPA program will be a 36-credit hour program delivered online with periodic in-person cohort meetings and learning experiences launching in January 2026;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Interlocal Reimbursement Agreement is to establish the terms under which the Municipal Parties will participate in and reimburse the County for its share of costs associated with ECU eMPA program participation. This Agreement will detail the terms with each participating municipality that ensures each municipality reimburses the County for their participant’s enrollment by the start of each semester.

WHEREAS, the County’s role and obligations include paying the associated program costs to ECU directly in a separate agreement, including periodic reviews to verify that municipalities are meeting administrative and compliance obligations required under this Agreement. In addition, this agreement details that each municipality shall comply with all university and County requirements for program participation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wake County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Interlocal Agreement Between Wake County and Wake County Municipal Parties for Participation in eMPA Professional Degree Program.

Adopted this 1st day of December, 2025.

Chairperson

ATTEST: _____