

WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION Support for the NC Host Committee Bid for the 2027 World University Games

WHEREAS, the World University Games is undertaking an effort to identify a location to host their 2027 international competition anticipated to feature over 7,000 college and university athletes from around the world; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Bid Committee, a committee of the Triangle Sports Commission, is leading a bid for North Carolina to host the games utilizing existing facilities from Greensboro to Raleigh; and

WHEREAS, Wake County is home to many of the venues and facilities proposed for The Games, as well as renowned colleges and universities that may participate in the games or serve as host sites; and

WHEREAS, there is an anticipated public benefit to hosting the games in Wake County through utilization of area hotels, restaurants, and support businesses to broad marketing and awareness of our community through international media coverage; and

WHEREAS, this initiative supports the Board Goal of Economic Strength by bringing diverse jobs, talent, businesses and visitors to Wake County; and

WHEREAS, the Wake County Board of Commissioners is excited to demonstrate support of this effort through a future commitment to the Host Committee of up to \$650,000, which may be payable over five years, subject to appropriation and approval, to be determined based on a formula with other local governments that will collectively achieve Silver Sponsorship status; and

WHEREAS, the Wake County Board of Commissioners would further demonstrate support if selected as the host community through inclusion of a Wake County representative to the NC Host Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wake County Board of Commissioners enthusiastically supports the North Carolina bid to host the 2027 World University Games and looks forward to hosting athletes, coaches, media, officials, and fans to our community as part of this 13 day event.

ADOPTED this the 6th day of September, 2022.