

RESOLUTION
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF FANNIN, CITY OF BLUE RIDGE

**FY 2016 APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION
GRANT AUTHORIZATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Blue Ridge has been invited to submit a \$300,000 grant application to the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) to construct a Public Welcome Center and Restroom Facility; and,

WHEREAS, a critical need exists to provide modern attractive public restrooms to accommodate over 65,000 annual tourists and ensuring downtown Blue Ridge remains a regional economic generator; and

WHEREAS, ARC funds will support efforts to maximize the economic benefits of Appalachia's natural assets, heritage, culture and craft industries, and most importantly, the Blue Ridge Scenic Railway; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Blue Ridge will provide in-kind services and the necessary cash to successfully complete the project, including cost overruns; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with local and state approved service delivery strategies, the City will own, operate and maintain the building upon completion.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Blue Ridge authorizes, empowers and directs the Mayor and City Clerk to perform all such acts for the purpose of filing said application and executing all required documents, including related contracts and awards, as applicable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all actions of the Mayor, which are in conformity with the purposes and intents of this Resolution and in furtherance thereof, shall be and the same hereby are, in all respects ratified, approved, and confirmed.

Adopted this 12 day of April, 2016.

Donna Whitener, Mayor

Angie Arp, Council Member

Harold Herndon, Council Member

Rodney Kendall

Bruce Pack, Council Member

Rhonda Thomas, Council Member

Attest:

Kelsey Ledford, City Clerk

(CITY SEAL)