



**Resolution Supporting
Walk NC: Creating Safer Crossings for NC Communities**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation has published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for \$1.5 billion in grant funding through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant program for 2023.; and

WHEREAS, RAISE discretionary grants help project sponsors at the State and local levels, including municipalities, Tribal governments, counties, and others complete critical freight and passenger transportation infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, the NCDOT Transportation Mobility and Safety Division is sponsoring a RAISE grant application to improve signalized intersections to include pedestrian countdown signal heads, marked crosswalks and other pedestrian improvements in several towns and cities in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, WALK NC will fund pedestrian countdown signal heads, crosswalks, and accessible routes at signalized intersections in more than a dozen towns and cities in North Carolina. RAISE grant funding will improve pedestrian safety at hundreds of NCDOT-maintained signals in historically underserved communities. These proposed changes will improve accessibility for people at signalized intersections and provide pedestrians with dedicated WALK phases and marked crosswalks. Additional signal timing improvements will be implemented, and sidewalk gaps constructed where feasible and needed. These pedestrian improvements will address issues of social equity in communities by providing safe crossings and connecting networks, expanding access to jobs, healthy food, recreation, and social services.; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury supports the partnerships between the selected communities and regional and state agencies to further connect and improve the quality of life;

NOW THEREFORE, the City of Salisbury City Council supports NCDOT's ***Walk NC: Creating Safer Crossings for NC Communities*** application for the Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program for fiscal year 2023.

This the 7th day of February 2023.

Karen K. Alexander, Mayor

ATTEST:

Connie B. Snyder, City Clerk