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**RESOLUTION
OF THE
GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE
CATAWBA INDIAN NATION**

February 19, 2022

Resolution Number: 20220219

Resolution Establishing the Green Earth Zone, Approving the Green Earth Zone Civil Ordinance, and Designating Initial Property for the Green Earth Zone

WHEREAS, the Catawba Indian Nation (the "Nation") was restored to its Federal Status on October 23, 1993 (Public Law 103-116) and organized under its Constitution and By-Laws, adopted August 30, 1975, as may be amended from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the General Council is the governing body of the Nation under Article III, Section 1 of the Nation's Constitution with the power to pass and enforce ordinances and regulate the use of Catawba property pursuant to Article IV of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 4 of the Constitution states that the Chief, or 15 percent of the qualified voters of the Nation, by written notice may call special meetings of the General Council; and

WHEREAS, to boost economic development and exercise the Nation's sovereignty, the General Council would like to establish a special economic zone located on the Reservation called the Green Earth Zone, which can stimulate economic development by attracting businesses through policies that are favorable to business growth and provide for the efficient oversight of economic activities; and

WHEREAS, special economic zones utilize specialized legal codes and policies to facilitate advanced economic development within the host nation; and

WHEREAS, the Green Earth Zone Civil Ordinance was developed to govern digital activities within the Green Earth Zone; and

WHEREAS, the Green Earth Zone Civil Ordinance creates an independent and accountable Zone Authority, which will allow for the more effective implementation of the Green Earth Zone and enable the Nation to utilize professional business management under the direct supervision of and responsible to the Nation's elected leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Green Earth Zone Civil Ordinances directs the General Council to designate the initial physical location for the Green Earth Zone as the 1.89 acres located at 1619 Reservation Road, Rock Hill, SC 29730 (the "Initial Property"); however, if the Initial Property is found to be

46 unsuitable, the General Council directs the Executive Committee and the Catawba Corporations'
47 Board of Directors to choose a suitable initial location for the Green Earth Zone; and

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49 **WHEREAS**, the Green Earth Zone Civil Ordinances directs the Executive Committee to designate
50 additional physical locations for the Green Earth Zone.

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52 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Council hereby establishes a special
53 economic zone, called the Green Earth Zone, to empower the Nation economically and exercise
54 its sovereign authority over future development activities.

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56 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the General Council hereby approves and adopts the attached
57 Green Earth Zone Civil Ordinance as the governing law of the Green Earth Zone.

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59 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the General Council hereby establishes and designates the
60 Initial Property; however, if the Initial Property is found to be unsuitable, the General Council
61 directs the Executive Committee and the Catawba Corporations' Board of Directors to choose a
62 suitable initial location for the Green Earth Zone subject to the conditions within the Green Earth
63 Zone Civil Ordinance.

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65 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the General Council further establishes the Zone Authority with
66 such powers as are set forth in the Green Earth Zone Civil Ordinance, including but not limited to
67 the power to register business entities in and to promulgate and enforce regulations for the Green
68 Earth Zone, provided that such regulations do not contradict the Green Earth Zone Civil
69 Ordinance, the Catawba Indian Nation Constitution, or other applicable laws of the Catawba
70 Nation.

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72 Whereas, this motion was made by:

73 JATHAN GASSERT

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75 The Motion was seconded by:

76 SAM TRINNA

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78 Votes, Yes: 99

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80 Votes, No: 31

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82 Abstentions: 7

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84 Certified by Chief William Harris and Secretary/Treasurer Roderick Beck on behalf of the
85 General Council:

86 William Harris

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88 Roderick Beck

89 On this date of:

90 February 19, 2022