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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the General Statutes of the North Carolina authorize a governmental unit to sell to another governmental unit any interest in real property upon such terms and conditions as it deems wise, with or without consideration; and

WHEREAS, Fort Butler, which was located on a hill overlooking the present-day Town of Murphy, was an army headquarters for removal of Cherokee people in 1838 in connection with the infamous Trail of Tears; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Murphy is the owner of a lot located on Fort Butler Street in the Town of Murphy, Murphy Township, Cherokee County, North Carolina, commonly known as the Fort Butler Park and Historical Site, located in the vicinity of where Fort Butler was located; and

WHEREAS, said land was conveyed by the Deed from Tarheel Investment Company, Inc., a corporation created, organized, and existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina, to the Town of Murphy, a municipal corporation of Cherokee County, North Carolina, dated September 1, 1925, and recorded in Book 88 at Page 552 in the office of the Register of Deeds of Cherokee County, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Murphy maintains said land as a park and historical site; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Murphy, North Carolina, that said land should be sold and conveyed to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians without consideration for use by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians as it may deem proper.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Murphy, State of North Carolina, that the Mayor and the Town Clerk of the Town of Murphy are hereby authorized to execute and deliver a deed conveying to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians the lot located on Fort Butler Street, Town of Murphy, Murphy Township, Cherokee County, North Carolina, commonly known as the Fort Butler Park and Historical Site which was conveyed by the Deed from Tarheel Investment Company, Inc., a corporation created, organized, and existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina, to the Town of Murphy, a municipal corporation of Cherokee County, North Carolina, dated September 1, 1925, and recorded in Book 88 at Page 552 in the office of the Register of Deeds of Cherokee County, North Carolina, without any

consideration to be paid by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

ADOPTED AND PASSED by unanimous vote of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Murphy, North Carolina, at a regular meeting on the 6th day of July, 2026.

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