

*Village of Flat Rock
North Carolina*

Incorporated in 1995

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROTECTIVE MEASURES
IN THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW ELECTRICAL
INFRASTRUCTURE IN HENDERSON COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Duke Energy representatives report that the utility company currently meets the daily energy needs of some 11,000,000 North and South Carolina residents, thereby powering the economy and daily conveniences throughout the area; and

WHEREAS, Duke Energy's electrical infrastructure touches all of the communities in the area; and

WHEREAS, Duke Energy has determined that, as our communities grow and prosper, electricity demand grows, and the utility company must grow with it with infrastructure improvements and additions; and

WHEREAS, Duke Energy has indicated the utility company's intention to invest \$1,100,000,000 in new electrical infrastructure to meet the growing needs in the area; and

WHEREAS, among the electrical infrastructure improvements contemplated by Duke Energy is an approximately forty-five-mile, 230-kilovolt transmission line to connect a proposed new natural gas-fired power plant in Asheville, North Carolina, with a proposed new substation in Campobello, South Carolina, which transmission line would traverse Henderson County in one of a number of alternative routes under consideration by the utility company; and

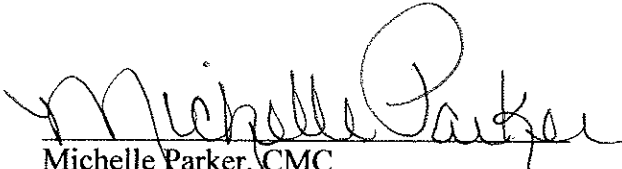
WHEREAS, the proposed transmission line, regardless of its eventual location, would involve unsightly tall towers within rights of way 150 feet in width the entire length of the line as it crosses our unspoiled scenic mountains, forests, rivers and creeks, camps and outdoor recreational areas, conference centers, vineyards, apple orchards, farmlands, and residential communities; and

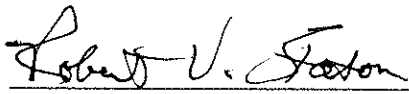
WHEREAS, Duke Energy has indicated it will soon select the route it deems most appropriate for the transmission line before filing with the North Carolina Utilities Commission an application for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public convenience and necessity for the line;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Flat Rock that:

1. Duke Energy is urged to reconsider the need for the proposed electrical infrastructure project that will involve new transmission lines across Henderson County, and, if such need is substantiated, consider burying such lines underground.
2. If the proposed transmission line must remain above ground, in selecting the route across the county, Duke Energy is urged to consider the adverse effects of the transmission line on the local economy, historic properties and districts, the scenic beauty of the area, wildlife and endangered species of flora and fauna, and other local interests, so as to minimize such obtrusive and detrimental effects.
3. Finally, Duke Energy is urged, to the extent possible, to utilize existing rights of way, including highway rights of way, and to include public lands in the final determination of the route of any new transmission line.

APPROVED this 31st day of August 2015.


Michelle Parker, CMC
Village Clerk


Robert V. Staton
Mayor