

RESOLUTION NO. *[Insert Resolution Number Here]*

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY *[COUNCIL/COMMISSISONERS]* OF THE CITY OF *[NAME]*, STATE OF GEORGIA, URGING THE GEORGIA STATE LEGISLATURE TO PRESERVE, RENEW, AND/OR EXPAND THE GEORGIA STATE INCOME TAX CREDIT PROGRAM FOR REHABILITATED HISTORIC PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, the City of *[name]* is home to a unique and irreplaceable collection of historic buildings that contribute significantly to the City's character, culture, and sense of place; and

WHEREAS, the preservation of historic properties is vital for maintaining the authenticity and economic vitality of the City's downtown, neighborhoods, and commercial corridors; and

WHEREAS, the **Georgia State Income Tax Credit Program for Rehabilitated Historic Property** (the "Program") has proven to be an indispensable economic development tool that leverages private investment to rehabilitate historic structures; and

WHEREAS, the Program is an effective tool for urban and neighborhood revitalization, encouraging the reuse of older buildings that might otherwise fall into disrepair or be subject to demolition damaging our property tax base; and

WHEREAS, historic rehabilitation projects supported by the Program create local jobs in construction, architecture, and related services, thus stimulating the local economy; and

WHEREAS, the Program is a critical resource for property owners by helping to offset the higher costs associated with preserving historic materials and meeting rigorous preservation standards, making financially challenging projects viable; and

WHEREAS, without the Program *[add an example if possible, like... the Old ABC Elementary School that has been vacant since the 1980s, would not be able to be turned into a mixed-use project with retail and housing units]*; and

WHEREAS, any reduction, or sunseting of the Program would jeopardize ongoing and future preservation and economic development efforts within the City of *[name]* and across the state; and

WHEREAS, the City *[council/commissioners]* of *[name]* finds that the continuation and strength of the **Georgia State Income Tax Credit Program for Rehabilitated Historic Property** is in the best interest of the City's economy, workforce, and cultural heritage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY *[COUNCIL/COMMISSIONERS]* OF THE CITY OF *[NAME]*, STATE OF GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Zebulon hereby formally supports the preservation, renewal, and/or expansion of the **Georgia State Income Tax Credit Program for Rehabilitated Historic Property Program**.

SECTION 2. The City *[council/commissioners]* urges the Georgia State Legislature and the Governor to maintain the existing structure and funding levels of the Program, or to enact legislation to strengthen and extend the Program.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Governor of Georgia, the presiding officers of the Georgia State Senate and House of Representatives, and the local legislative delegation representing the City of *[name]*.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of *[name]*, State of Georgia, on this *[Day]* day of *[Month]*, 2025.

ATTEST:

[City Clerk Name], City Clerk

APPROVED:

[Mayor Name], Mayor, City of *[name]*
