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The Honorable Patrick Pizzella
Mayor, Village of Pinehurst
Lead Planning Agency
Sandhills Metropolitan Planning Organization
395 Magnolia Rd
Pinehurst, NC 28374

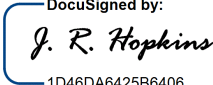
Dear Mayor Pizzella:

In late December 2022, the U.S. Census Bureau recognized the Pinehurst-Southern Pines area in southern Moore County as an Urban Area (UA) with a population of over 50,000. Federal regulations require that a metropolitan planning organization (MPO) be designated to represent this urban area.

I have considered the memorandums of understanding as approved by all the member jurisdictions. By the power delegated by the Governor and based on the provisions of 23 CFR 450.310 (a) &(b), I am designating the Sandhills Metropolitan Planning Organization as the metropolitan planning agency responsible for carrying out the provisions of federal and state transportation planning regulations for the Pinehurst-Southern Pines Urban Area.

The Department looks forward to working with Sandhills MPO. If you have any questions, or we can be of assistance, please advise.

Sincerely,

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Secretary, North Carolina Department of Transportation

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