RESOLUTION #18-09:

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MAY 8, 2018 BOND REFERENDUM TO BUILD NEW SCHOOLS IN SOUTHERN PINES, ABERDEEN, PINEHURST, AND AT SANDHILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

THAT WHEREAS, the members of the Pinehurst Village Council, individually and collectively, make the following findings with respect to the upcoming bond referendum to be held on May 8, 2018:

WHEREAS, the Moore County Board of Education, Sandhills Community College, and the Moore County Board of Commissioners have been working together on county educational needs, including the construction of new elementary schools in Southern Pines, Aberdeen, Pinehurst, along with a new nursing educational center; and

WHEREAS, the teachers and staff at Pinehurst Elementary School currently provide their students with a superior education, within inferior physical facilities that are not large enough to accommodate the student population; and

WHEREAS, the current school facilities are both over seventy years old; and

WHEREAS, in order for Pinehurst to continue as a vibrant and growing community, it is essential that the schools in Pinehurst provide a wonderful learning place for students; and

WHEREAS, the Moore County Schools facilities plan calls for the replacement of Pinehurst Elementary School, resulting in a facility that will hold all grade spans in one 800 student building; and

WHEREAS, the construction of a new elementary school would provide a safe and secure facility for students; and

WHEREAS, the replacement of outdated and inefficient facilities with a single modern, energy efficient building, would result in cost savings to Pinehurst taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, outstanding schools provide the foundation for a growing economy within the Village of Pinehurst; and

WHEREAS, a referendum will be held on May 8, 2018 to seek approval of \$103,000,000.00 for the construction of new elementary schools in Southern Pines, Aberdeen and Pinehurst, and approval of \$20,000,000.00 for the construction of a new nursing education facility at Sandhills Community College; and

WHEREAS, new nursing education facility will enable Sandhills Community College to train more students, offer additional hands-on training, and keep our best and brightest nursing students here in Moore County; and

WHEREAS, a new nursing educational facility helps Sandhills Community College lead the way in addressing North Carolina's nursing shortage and ensures continued access to high quality, affordable healthcare in Moore County; and

WHEREAS, the construction of these facilities for Moore County Schools and for Sandhills Community College would be of great benefit to the Village of Pinehurst, as well as to the citizens of Moore County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PINEHURST that the Village Council express their full support of the bond referendum and courage all citizens of Pinehurst to VOTE YES!, on May 8, 2018.

THIS RESOLUTION is passed and adopted this 10th day of April, 2018.

VILLAGE OF PINEHURST VILLAGE COUNCIL

By: Nancy Roy Fiorillo, Mayor

Attest:

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Lauren M. Craig, Village Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Michael J. Newman, Village Attorney