RESOLUTION NO. 2022-02 ACCEPTING AN EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROTECTION PROGRAM GRANT FROM THE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE FOR THE POLE BRANCH WATERSHED REMEDIATION

WHEREAS, in September 2020, the region was inundated by rainfall from Tropical Depression Sally, resulting in severe erosion along Pole Branch and threatening the integrity of the Pole Branch Interceptor sanitary sewer line; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Augusta (City) applied for and was awarded an Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWPP) Grant from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to design and construct improvements along a portion of Pole Branch to remediate the damage, re-establish, enlarge and reinforce the historic stream channel; and

WHEREAS, the grant budget includes:

Construction Costs: \$2,730,000

(75% NRCS \$2,047,500 + 25% City of North Augusta \$682,500)

Technical Assistance (TA) Costs: not to exceed \$204,750 (100% NRCS)

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that most, if not all of the City's financial obligation will be provided by in-kind services of labor and equipment from the Public Services and Public Works Departments.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, in meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof that the City Administrator is authorized to execute any and all documents required by NRCS for the purpose of accepting such grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any additional financial obligation in excess of in-kind services shall be subject to approval from City Council as to amount and funding source.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS 3rd DAY OF January , 2022.

Briton S. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharon Lamar, City Clerk