

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-03

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT
OF THE ECUSTA TRAIL**

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard includes outdoor recreation as a part of its vision statement, and has a strategic objective to enhance quality of life by bringing people of all ages together through physical connections within our community and to our natural assets of woods and water; and

WHEREAS, the Assault on the Carolinas has become a cycling event attracting nationwide participation and is a premier event for our community; and

WHEREAS, Pisgah National Forest and DuPont State Park are regarded as among the best mountain bike venues in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the National Trails System Act of 1983 facilitates the preservation of railway rights-of-way to create rail trails; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard participated in funding of the 2012 economic impact study conducted by Friends of the Ecusta Trail, reporting an initial impact of \$42 million and annual impact of \$9.4 million; and

WHEREAS, the business community includes manufacturers and retailers who depend on a strong marketplace for outdoor recreation equipment, and many other businesses that benefit from high tourism rates; and

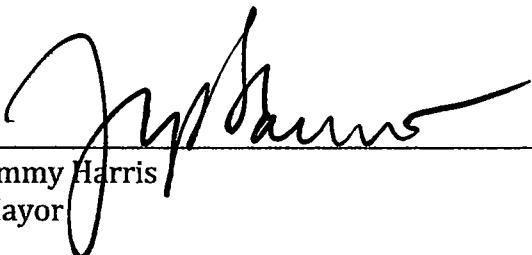
WHEREAS, the strength of the visitor-based economy has a direct financial benefit for the City of Brevard, and therefore, also for Transylvania County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard would be a prime destination of a regional bike path.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

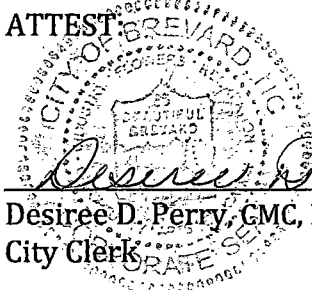
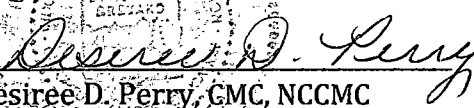
The City Council of Brevard does hereby declare its support for the Ecusta Trail as an asset to the cultural and economic vitality of our community.

Adopted and approved this the 2nd day of March, 2015.



Jimmy Harris
Mayor

ATTEST

Desiree D. Perry, GMC, NCCMC
City Clerk