A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND WELCOMING THE INTERNATIONAL CITY/COUNTY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION IN 2028 OR 2029 TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) is the premier professional organization for professional city and county local government worldwide with over 13,000 members; and

**WHEREAS** ICMA helps local government professionals around the world create and sustain thriving communities through professional and leadership development; global development and engagement; as well as research and policy, conferences, events, and sponsorships; and

WHEREAS adopted in 1924, the ICMA Code of Ethics defined the principles that today serve as the foundation for the local government management profession and a standard of excellence and strengthens democratic local governance through a commitment to equity, transparency, integrity, stewardship of public resources, political neutrality, and respect for the rights and responsibility of elected officials and residents; and

WHEREAS ICMA fulfills its commitment to continuing education and lifelong learning by offering conferences, workshops, and other learning opportunities to improve the skills of local government senior executives; and

WHEREAS the Atlanta metropolitan area is home to over 300 local units of government, and the State of Georgia includes over 537 cities, and 159 counties; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Atlanta and surrounding cities and counties offer world-class convention facilities and hotels, a multitude entertainment and recreational opportunities, internationally acclaimed cuisine options, and engaging cultural experiences; and

WHEREAS the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta Internal Airport "ATL" is the world's, busiest and most efficient airport; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Powder Springs supports the Council-Manager form of government and the leadership development opportunities offered by ICMA at its annual conference.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Powder Springs that the City of Powder Springs supports and welcomes the International City / County Management Conference to Atlanta, Georgia.

**SO RESOLVED AND EFFECTIVE,** this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023.

[Signature page following]

Albert Thurman, Mayor

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Dwayne Green, Council Member

Patrick Bordelon, Council Member

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Attest:

Kelly Axt, City Clerk