

STATE OF ALABAMA)

BALDWIN COUNTY)

RESOLUTION #2023-025 OF THE BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FOREVER WILD LAND TRUST
AND PROVIDING THAT CONTINUED FUNDING IS SUBJECT TO THE LEGAL AVAILABILITY
OF FUNDS.**

WHEREAS, Amendment 543 of the Alabama Constitution of 1901 creates the Forever Wild Land Trust (FWLT) for the purpose of identifying, acquiring, managing, protecting and conserving natural lands and waters that are of environmental or recreational importance for the benefit of future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees for the Alabama Forever Wild Land Trust governs the FWLT, and is authorized at its discretion to cooperate and contract with County Commissions to accomplish the purposes and goals of Amendment 543, including to effect payment of reasonable fees in connection with such cooperation efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees, as the fiduciary for the FWLT, wishes to cooperate and enter into an agreement with each county in which FWLT owns acreage by paying, on an annual basis, a reasonable fee for the support, promotion, protection, and conservation of such lands within the county; and

WHEREAS, the Baldwin County Commission recognizes that the proposed funding serves a valid and compelling public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Baldwin County Commission acknowledges that this proposed funding is subject to the legal availability of funds for this purpose in each fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Baldwin County Commission agrees to participate in the funding opportunity and to comply with all terms and conditions of said Agreement, this Resolution, and related documents; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Baldwin County Commission specifically instructs and authorizes the Chairman of the Baldwin County Commission or his/her designee to enter into the Agreement with the FWLT, and further authorizes the Chairman of the County Commission or his/her designee to execute any and all documents deemed necessary to effectuate the transfer of funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be duly reflected upon the minutes of the _____, 20__ meeting of the Baldwin County Commission and be immediately forwarded to the State Lands Division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

This Resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this the _____ day of _____, 2022.

Charles F. Gruber, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Ronald J. Cink, Budget Director/
Interim County Administrator