

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COUNTY OF BALDWIN)

**RESOLUTION #2026-058
OF THE
BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION**

**CEASING DISBURSEMENT OF TOBACCO TAX PROCEEDS TO LOWER ALABAMA
SEARCH AND RESCUE, INC., EFFECTIVE JANUARY 18, 2026.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 45-2-244.134 of the Code of Alabama 1975, the proceeds from tobacco products taxation in Baldwin County shall be distributed to the Baldwin County Commission to be allocated to qualified Baldwin County rescue squads, and the Baldwin County District Attorney's Office, including funding for the maintenance of a sexual assault nurse examiner program; and

WHEREAS, the first eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) of the tobacco tax funds shall be equally divided among the rescue squads authorized by the Baldwin County Commission. Each of the recipient rescue squads shall be a Baldwin County recognized quasi-public entity, as defined in Section 45-2-142.01, and a member in good standing with the Alabama Association of Rescue Squads, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2003, the Baldwin County Commission adopted Resolution #2003-28 recognizing Lower Alabama Search and Rescue, Inc. as a duly organized and established search and rescue squad, and as a quasi-public entity operated as a public service for the benefit of the citizens of Baldwin County, entitled to receive and use public funds or property appropriated to them by the County; and

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2026, the Alabama Association of Rescue Squads, Inc. notified the Baldwin County Commission that Lower Alabama Search and Rescue, Inc. was denied membership renewal, effective January 18, 2026 (see **Exhibit A**); and

WHEREAS, as a result of this denial, Lower Alabama Search and Rescue, Inc. is no longer a member in good standing with the Alabama Association of Rescue Squads, Inc. and is not entitled to receive disbursements of tobacco tax proceeds by the Baldwin County Commission; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION, IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, that the approval of Lower Alabama Search and Rescue, Inc. to be appropriated county money or equipment pursuant to Resolution 2003-28 is hereby repealed and disbursement of tobacco tax proceeds to Lower Alabama Search and Rescue, Inc. by the Baldwin County Commission shall cease, effective January 18, 2026.

DONE, under the Seal of Baldwin County, Alabama, as affixed on this the ____ day of _____ 2026.

Commissioner James E. Ball, Chairman

ATTEST:

Roger H. Rendleman, County Administrator