PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING PUBLIC POWER WEEK, OCT. 5-11, 2025: A WEEK-LONG CELEBRATION OF TOWN OF SMITHFIELD'S YEAR-ROUND SERVICE TO ITS COMMUNITY

- **WHEREAS**, public power is a crucial component in cities and towns across North Carolina, driving the overall health of communities by providing unmatched electric reliability, affordable and sustainable power, excellent local service, and essential jobs in communities;
- *WHEREAS,* North Carolina's more than 70 public power cities and towns are among more than 2,000 across the country, providing electricity with a reliability rating of 99.99 percent to nearly 1.6 million North Carolinians;
- **WHEREAS**, many of North Carolina's public power cities and towns have been electric providers for more than 100 years, assisting their communities through prosperous times as well as pandemics and economic downturns, maintaining life-saving electricity to homes and businesses;
- WHEREAS, North Carolina public power communities are part of a mutual aid network that spans the state and country, providing invaluable support during times of hurricanes and other natural disasters while maintaining a superior safety record;
- **WHEREAS**, North Carolina's public power providers are essential community assets that contribute to the well-being of the community and provide irreplaceable economic development opportunities;
- **WHEREAS**, North Carolina's public power utilities are dependable institutions that provide excellent service, valuable energy solutions, and a commitment to community;
- WHEREAS, the Town of Smithfield recognizes Public Power Week and commends the public power cities and towns across our state and nation for their outstanding contributions to our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, M. Andy Moore, Mayor of the Town of Smithfield, along with the Town Council, do hereby proclaim October 5-11, 2025, as

PUBLIC POWER WEEK

in the Town of Smithfield and commends its observation to all citizens.

OF SHAMING

M. Andy Moore, Mayor Town of Smithfield, NC

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the Town of Smithfield on this Seventh day of October in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.