Resolution 2026-011 **Introduced by: Councilor James F. Burgess, Jr.**
November 2, 2026

Resolution Concerning the Use of Override Funds

WHEREAS, the Randolph Town Council has called for a Special Election to be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Randolph Town Council has placed the following override question on that Special Election ballot:

> Shall the city known as the Town of Randolph be allowed to assess an additional $9.5 million in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the operating budgets of the Town of Randolph and the local and regional schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2027?;

and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to provide the public with information that is easy to navigate and that illustrates the rationale for placing this question before the voters; and

WHEREAS, the Council takes its responsibility to be fiscally prudent seriously and is presenting all information; and

WHEREAS, the revenues for fiscal year 2028 are projected to be less than the revenues for fiscal year 2027; and

WHEREAS, non-discretionary spending such as debt service, health insurance and other operational costs continue to increase, accounting for 34 percent of the budget; and

WHEREAS, over the past many years, the Council has utilized free cash and one-time ARPA funds to balance our budgets; and

WHEREAS, the budget shortfall for FY 2028 is expected to be in the area of $7.4 million;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is the desire of this Council to present to the public said budget scenario and the effects of this budget situation on Town services:

Should the voters approve the requested ballot question, then the undersigned members of the Town Council are committed to use those revenues to supplement core services. In doing so, we pledge to resist all efforts to spend to the new levy limit in fiscal year 2028. In future years we will continue to maintain the same priorities and levels of service that your vote allowed.