

RESOLUTION NO. 19-08-13
HONORING THE SERVICE AND MEMORY OF
Kevin Cooley

WHEREAS, on July 10th, 1951, Kevin Cooley was born in Teaneck, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Cooley faithfully served as Mayor with the Town of Lake Lure and was sworn in to office on December 12, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Cooley was a valuable member of the Town who provided extensive knowledge in engineering and worked with diligence and vigor to achieve the goals set forth by Town Council; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Cooley helped the Town capitalize on its strengths while recognizing its responsibility to address its infrastructure challenges. He worked with Town leaders and staff to address the need for a dam renovation, sewer system replacement, well designed state park egress in the Town Center, sustained lake dredging, and the need to work closely with NCDOT regarding the dam bridge replacement. He helped to present these vast infrastructure needs to the Governor's delegation called, "Community Strong." He was instrumental in bringing Carolina Trust Bank to the Town and worked diligently with health care providers to purchase land for the construction of an Assisted Living Program; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Cooley joined the Hickory Nut Gorge Chamber of Commerce in November, 2014 and served as the Chamber President until November, 2017. During his tenure, he expanded the efforts of revitalizing and restructuring the Chamber operations, ensuring continued success beyond his tenure. He successfully negotiated the acquisition of the rights to the Dirty Dancing Festival from JNB Events of Los Angeles, California, in spring 2016, which is now a signature event of our community, owned locally by our Chamber. His visionary leadership and background brought the Chamber's outreach to a larger audience, gave credibility to the new mission statement, and created a platform for successful operations after his departure. This and much more are thanks to his vision for a vibrant Chamber of Commerce, business community, and residential quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Cooley will help beautify the community as we place a memorial bench and plant a tree in his honor on town grounds; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lake Lure is deeply saddened by the untimely loss of our honorable Mayor, Kevin Cooley, who passed away on Friday, May 15, 2019. He will be missed but not forgotten.

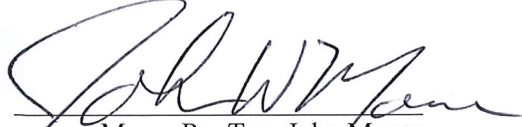
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lake Lure Town Council desires to honor the service and memory of Kevin Cooley for his contributions to the Town of Lake Lure and hereby express their sympathy upon his passing and extend condolences to his wife and family.

Adopted by unanimous vote of the Town Council on the 13th day of August, 2019.

ATTEST:


Town Clerk Michelle Jolley




Mayor Pro Tem John Moore