



RESOLUTION NO. 21-04-28A
A RESOLUTION HONORING THE POWERS-MOORE FAMILY

WHEREAS, Lee Leeper Powers was born April 9, 1899 in Morristown, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Lee L. Powers was a native of East Tennessee, a region of Southern Appalachia, and a direct descendent of Captain Jarnagin, a Revolutionary War Soldier; and

WHEREAS, Lee L. Powers was a man of influence, vision and love, and chose to make this his permanent home; and

WHEREAS, Lee L. Powers relocated to the Town of Lake Lure shortly after the 1929 Stock Market Crash to assist with covering the debt for an outstanding loan made by the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company to Chimney Rock Mountains, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, Lee L. Powers was extremely instrumental in the survival of the town during the Great Depression and over the decades that followed; and

WHEREAS, Lee L. Powers had expertise in construction and financing and supervised the construction of the log Golf Club House, the Old North Carolina Highway Patrol Building which is now Lodge on Lake Lure, and the Town's water reservoirs and many others; and

WHEREAS, Lee L. Powers was instrumental in engineering what has been called the "Town of Lake Lure's Greatest Deal," the purchase of the Dam and Lake on July 26, 1965; and

WHEREAS, Lee L. Powers married Thelma Odom, a native of Rutherford County, NC, having two daughters, Marylyn Powers Moore and Martha Jane Powers; and

WHEREAS, Lee L. Powers welcomed President Franklin Delano Roosevelt to Lake Lure in 1936, hosted the President at the Powers residence, and accompanied him on the campaign trail in NC; and

WHEREAS, Lee L. Powers served in the NC General Assembly in 1945 while living in Lake Lure, and was personally acquainted with many NC Governors; and

WHEREAS, Lee L. Powers owned and operated the Bottomless Pools for many years; and

WHEREAS, Lee L. Powers passed away on February 14, 1993. It should be noted that his energies and decisions were geared to what would be best for Lake Lure and that his substantial gifts to our Town were motivated by concern for the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Powers-Moore Family has kept a presence in the Town of Lake Lure for nearly 90 years; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Lake Lure Town Council expresses sincere appreciation for the life work of Lee Leeper Powers and the enormous positive impact and many positive contributions he made to the Town of Lake Lure, its citizens and to future generations and by this action honor him for a lifetime of service to this community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Lake Lure Town Council names that one mile section of the Lake Lure Town Center Walkway stretching from Boys Camp Road to Harris Road as the "Powers-Moore Walkway."

READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 11th day of May, 2021.



Michelle Jolley
Michelle Jolley, Town Clerk

Carol C. Pritchett
Mayor Carol C. Pritchett