RESOLUTION OF THE MODERNIZATION OF ELECTION DATA SYSTEMS (MEDS) ADVISORY COMMISSION

IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING FOR THE NEXT PHASE OF THE STATEWIDE ELECTIONS INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (SEIMS) MODERNIZATION

WHEREAS, the MEDS Advisory Commission (the Commission) is completing substantial work, including offering guidance on a statewide Request for Information (RFI) process; developing guiding principles for modernization; aligning policy objectives with procurement activities; and evaluating modernization strategies for both campaign finance reporting and SEIMS replacement;

WHEREAS, the Commission is confident that the North Carolina State Board of Elections and the North Carolina Office of the State Auditor are positioned to successfully advance and complete a comprehensive modernization and eventual replacement of SEIMS;

WHEREAS, the next phase of SEIMS modernization represents a transition from planning and interim improvements to full system overhaul and long-term replacement architecture;

WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes that the funding required for this next phase will amount to tens of millions of dollars, and that such a request is significant and not made lightly;

WHEREAS, the Commission further recognizes that this investment reflects the scale, complexity, and importance of replacing core statewide infrastructure that underpins all election administration functions in North Carolina;

WHEREAS, portions of the current SEIMS system are written in obsolete or 'dead' computer code that is increasingly difficult to maintain, secure, or support, and which presents a clear and foreseeable risk that critical components of the system will fail to remain serviceable in the coming years;

WHEREAS, failure to adequately fund and execute the next phase of SEIMS modernization would result in continued dependence on aging and unsupported systems, jeopardizing the ability of the State to effectively administer elections in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the MEDS Advisory Commission affirms its strong support for the continued modernization and enhancement of election data systems in North Carolina including the scheduled full replacement of SEIMS;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission requests that the General Assembly and State leadership provide necessary and sustained funding for the SEIMS replacement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that while the financial commitment is substantial, the importance of this system as core election infrastructure fully justifies the investment;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that delaying or underfunding this effort will increase long-term costs and risks and increase the likelihood of system failure;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the North Carolina General Assembly.

Adopted the 20th day of May, 2026.