RESOLUTION NO. 3413

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY TO ESTABLISH AN ADOPT-A-ROAD PROGRAM.

- **WHEREAS**, roads, sidewalks, and all other traffic ways facilitate the transportation of people, goods, services, and ultimately the economy of Salisbury, and
- **WHEREAS**, the quality and cleanliness of roads directly impact the health, safety, and overall experience of the communities that live, drive, and walk along them, and
- **WHEREAS**, roads and highways are essential infrastructure that ensure safe and efficient transportation within our city, and
- WHEREAS, litter and debris along roadways degrade the visual appeal of public spaces, harm the environment, and create safety hazards for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians, and
- WHEREAS, municipal resources alone are not sufficient to address the growing need for litter removal and beautification efforts on all city-maintained roadways, and
- WHEREAS, the residents, businesses, and organizations of Salisbury have demonstrated a strong commitment to civic responsibility and environmental stewardship, and
- **WHEREAS**, the Wicomico Presbyterian Church, through its members, have approached the City about the City establishing an Adopt-A-Road Program, which would create a partnership between the City and its citizens to promote civic pride and preserve our clean environment by eliminating roadside litter in the City, and
- **WHEREAS**, the City's Sustainability Advisory Committee supports and recommends the City implement an Adopt-A-Road Program, and
- WHEREAS, on the advice and recommendation of the City's Sustainability Advisory Committee, the City of Salisbury desires to implement an Adopt-A-Road Program to provide a way for community groups to show their City pride and help keep City roads litter free, and
- WHEREAS, the City's Adopt-A-Road Program will allow a formal mechanism for community members to actively participate in the upkeep and beautification of public roadways through scheduled cleanup and maintenance, and
- WHEREAS, participating individuals and groups shall receive public recognition by means of a certificate to honor their contribution to the community, and
- WHEREAS. Adopt-A-Road programs established in municipalities across Maryland have resulted in visibly cleaner roadways, reduced maintenance costs, and stronger relationships between local governments and the communities they serve.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, as follows:
- <u>Section 1.</u> The City of Salisbury, by adoption of this Resolution, shall hereby establish an Adopt-A-Road Program to allow individuals, businesses, and organizations to volunteer for the removal of litter and debris along designated roadways within municipal limits.

<u>Section 2.</u> The City Salisbury shall implement and administer the Adopt-A-Road Program, which shall include, but is not limited to, designating eligible roadways, adopting and enforcing safety guidelines, establishing requirements for participating in the program, and creating the manner and method of recognition of those adopting a road.

Section 3. It is the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury that each provision of this Resolution shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein.

<u>Section 4</u>. It is further the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury that if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be adjudged invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable under applicable Maryland or federal law, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudged and all other provisions of this Resolution shall remain and shall be deemed valid and enforceable.

Section 5. The recitals set forth hereinabove are incorporated into this section of the Resolution as if such recitals were specifically set forth at length in this Section 5.

THE ABOVE RESOLUTION was introduced and read and passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury held on this 16 day of June, 2025 and is to become effective immediately upon adoption.

ATTEST:

Julie A. English, City Clerk

D'Shawn M. Doughty, City Council President

Approved by me, this

Randolph J. Taylor, Mayor