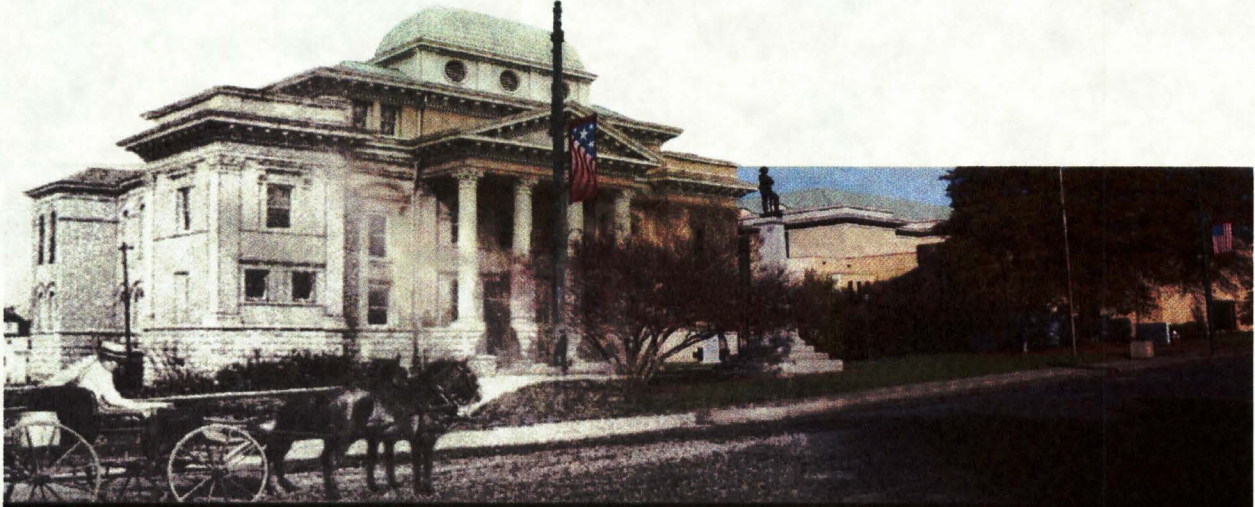


Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission



PRESERVING THE PAST FOR THE FUTURE

Resolution of Recognition

WHEREAS, The Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission desires to recognize Local Cultural Heritage Sites that provide a tangible link to the past, and have natural as well as historical significance; and

WHEREAS, Ridge's Mountain is one of Randolph County's most important ecological, geological and historical sites; and

WHEREAS, Ridge's Mountain harbors unique natural features, including Upland Pools, Upland Depression Swamp Forests, Piedmont Monadnock Forests and Basic Oak-Hickory Forests, and acts as a wilderness corridor for migratory wildlife; and

WHEREAS, Ridge's Mountain's unique geology features 20 acres of igneous rock boulders, some reaching as high as 50 feet, that are unique within Randolph County and nationally known among climbers; and

WHEREAS, Ridge's Mountain was part of a major Native American trading network in the 1600s, and was the site of both a burial ground and a major Keyauwee Indian village; and

WHEREAS, a colonial-era trading post established in 1752 by Godfrey Ridge for travelers along the trading path gave the mountain its name and was one of the earliest such establishments in what is now Randolph County; and

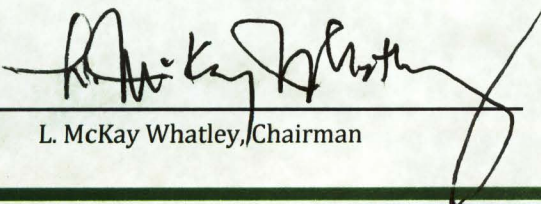
WHEREAS, the North Carolina Zoological Park and the Piedmont Land Conservancy have acquired 282 acres of the mountain as a nature preserve, and have opened portions of the mountain to activities such as hiking, Scouting, birdwatching and climbing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that official recognition as a Randolph County Cultural Heritage Site is given to

RIDGE'S MOUNTAIN

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is approved by the Historic Landmark Preservation Commission and recorded in its minutes, with appropriate history and photographs placed on the Commission's historical website, notation made in the county's GIS database and a suitable copy of the Resolution presented to the recipient.

Approved this 23rd Day of February, 2016.



L. McKay Whatley, Chairman

Resolution Number 2016-04