RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY'S APPLICATION FOR DECORATIVE FEATURES ON THE NORTH GRAHAM STREET SIDEWALK PROJECT UNDER INTERSTATE-277 IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION POLICY

A motion was made by	and seconded by
	_ for the adoption of the following Resolution and upon being
put to a vote was duly adopted:	

Whereas, the North Graham Street Sidewalk Project under I-277 will serve as a distinctive gateway for travelers heading to and from Charlotte along this corridor; and

Whereas, in an effort to enhance the general aesthetic of the North Graham Street Sidewalk project, the City of Charlotte's design team has included retaining wall lighting and decorative elements under Interstate-277; and

Whereas, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) adopted the North Carolina Public Art on the Right of Way Policy in December 2010, recognizing that aesthetic enhancements to transportation facilities including architectural and design features, public art, and/or other visual interests provide cultural benefits to communities that can potentially result in positive economic development and tourism both locally and throughout North Carolina;

Whereas, NCDOT provides that local government agencies may request aesthetic enhancements to transportation facilities on NCDOT rights of way, provided the local government conforms to the NCDOT policies and procedures, to include, but not limited to financial responsibility for the construction and maintenance of the decorative features, and an adopted local resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, at its regularly scheduled session of May 30, 2018 that it supports the City's application to NCDOT for enhancing the decorative features for the Graham Street Sidewalk Project under Interstate-277 in accordance with NCDOT Policy.