



**RESOLUTION #2019-03
OPPOSING HB 91 – SINGLE COUNTY ABC BOARDS**

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Town of Seven Devils voted to permit the sale of liquor through the establishment of an ABC Board, which is a part of the North Carolina's control system for the sale of spirituous liquors; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Seven Devils, together with the Town of Banner Elk and the Village of Sugar Mountain, operates the High-Country Municipal ABC Board; and

WHEREAS, these three Towns span two counties due to the mountainous geography in this part of the State, such that a single County-wide Board is not appropriate for this area and would conflict with the operation of the Town of Boone's ABC Board, which is geographically distinct from this region; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is unique as it allows communities to vote to establish local ABC boards for the sale of liquor in their communities, with liquor profits distributed back to those communities, thereby reducing the need to increase local property taxes; and

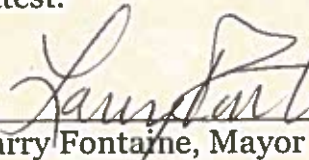
WHEREAS, the citizens of the Town of Seven Devils, in voting to permit the operation of the High-Country Municipal ABC Store, did so for the benefit and consideration of their citizens, and not for the benefit of county government; and

WHEREAS, local revenue from ABC stores operations is an important funding source for the Village of Sugar Mountain, the Town of Banner Elk, and the Town of Seven Devils;

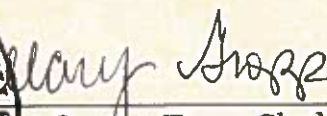
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Seven Devils opposes any resolution which would force the High-Country Municipal ABC Board to be altered into a single County Board, as such arrangement would be inconsistent with the geographical interests of those affected.

Signed this the 9th day of April, 2019.

Attest:


Larry Fontaine, Mayor




Hilary Gropp, Town Clerk