RESOLUTION #2025-06

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT INNOVATION COMPREHENSIVE ACTION PLAN (NWA EEI PLAN)

WHEREAS, the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR-MO Urban Area; and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2023, the Board of Directors of the NWARPC approved Resolution #2023-15 authorizing the use of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) funding suballocated by the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment (ADEE) to complete regional Energy & Environment Innovation (EEI) Action Planning work for the Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), including Benton, Washington, and Madison Counties, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2024, the Board of Directors of the NWARPC approved Resolution #2024-10 approving the Northwest Arkansas Energy & Environment Innovation Priority Action Plan (NWA PAP) enabling access to federal funding opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the NWARPC has completed the consultant-led Northwest Arkansas Energy & Environment Innovation Comprehensive Action Plan (NWA EEI Plan) supplement, which was submitted to ADEE on February 28, 2025, in compliance with the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and developed in accordance with the CPRG Program requirements and through consultation with stakeholders and the public across the MSA,; and

WHEREAS, the NWA EEI Plan seeks to advance the Arkansas Investment Priorities, strives to promote quality of life and a resilient future for the region, support investment in measures and solutions that improve air and water quality, create high-quality jobs, spur economic growth, and enable access to and enhance NWA competitiveness for funding opportunities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

That the Northwest Arkansas Energy & Environment Innovation Comprehensive Action Plan (NWA EEI Plan) is hereby approved and serves as a comprehensive roadmap, developed through engagement efforts to identify regional and statewide priorities, designed to guide Northwest Arkansas communities and organizations toward a sustainable, resilient future by aligning efforts to address energy and environmental opportunities while promoting job creation and stimulating economic growth.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2025.

Mayor Doug Sprouse, Chair, NWARPC

ATTEST: _____