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September 8, 2025

Jeff Smith, National Register Coordinator
State Historic Preservation Office
4617 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-4617

RE: Letter of Support for Machpelah Presbyterian Church

Mr. Smith:

Machpelah Presbyterian Church is a landmark in Lincoln County and holds great historical significance to the county and its citizens, with both its architectural and religious background. In addition, the cemetery on the property is distinctive for having artistic merit and containing the graves of numerous individuals who were essential to the history of Lincoln County and the State of North Carolina.

Therefore, it was with great pleasure that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners provides you with the attached Resolution of Support for Designation of Machpelah Presbyterian Church in the National Register of Historic Places. This letter and the attached resolution is being sent pursuant to Section II(2) of the Certification Agreement for Local Governments and should serve as official notice of support of the nomination. If you need any additional information from this Board, please contact Jennifer M. Farmer, Clerk to the Board at Jennifer.Farmer@lincolncountync.gov.

Respectfully,

Jamie Lineberger, Chair
Lincoln County Board of Commissioners

cc: Lincoln County Historic Properties Commission



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RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR DESIGNATION OF MACHPELAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

WHEREAS, the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, declares that the preservation of historic properties “significant to the Nation’s heritage” is in the public interest so that its vital legacy of cultural, education, aesthetic, inspirational, economic and energy benefits will be maintained and enriched for future generations of Americans;

WHEREAS, the National Historic Preservation Act further suggests that states work to establish preservation programs, and the State Historic Preservation Office within the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources has previously been established;

WHEREAS, Lincoln County (the “County”) entered into a Certification Agreement for Local Governments dated May 13, 1992 with the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office which establishes the process for review of National Register Nominations;

WHEREAS, the County has been notified on or around July 30, 2025, that Machpelah Presbyterian Church located at 226 Brevard Place Road in Iron Station has been nomination to the National Register of Historic Places;


WHEREAS, Machpelah Presbyterian Church (and Cemetery) was officially designated as Lincoln County Local Historic Landmark on the 21st day of September 2020; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Certification Agreement, the chief elected official shall notify the State Historic Preservation Office and the owner of the nominated property in writing of their opinions concerning the eligibility of the nomination within 60 days of receiving a copy of the nomination.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners that this Board has reviewed the nomination and Report for Machpelah Presbyterian Church and finds that the property meets the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as provided in Section 8 of the Report, and therefore does recommend that Machpelah Presbyterian Church be submitted for listing in the National Register of Historic Places; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk to the Board shall provide a copy of this Resolution and a letter of support to the State Historic Preservation Office and the Machpelah Church Foundation within 10 business days, and shall make available for public inspection a copy of the nomination documents at the Lincoln County Administration Building located at 353 N. Generals Blvd., Lincolnton, NC 28092.

This the 8th day of September, 2025.



Jamie Lineberger, Chair
Lincoln County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: (SEAL)



Jennifer M. Farmer
Clerk to the Board

