MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF LAW ENFORCEMENT CANINE

Retiring Canine Officer Aggie, a member of the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) canine force, is of retirement age and no longer useful for law enforcement purposes. Due to her specialized training, Canine Officer Aggie is a danger to public health and safety if adopted by or sold to a member of the general public who is unfamiliar with Canine Officer Aggie's law enforcement training. Therefore, Canine Officer Aggie is of no economic value to Mecklenburg County, NC (the "County"). Pursuant to a Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners Resolution adopted on September 15, 2009, ownership and possession of Canine Officer Aggie is hereby transferred to MCSO Deputy Daniel Tuomey in consideration of his agreement to the following conditions:

- 1. Deputy Tuomey assumes full responsibility for Aggie's welfare, including but not limited to providing adequate shelter, food, grooming and veterinary care; and
- 2. Deputy Tuomey hereby acknowledges that he is aware of the general background, training and utilization of Canine Officer Aggie by MCSO and, being so informed, is fully cognizant of any and all risks associated with assuming ownership and possession of Canine Officer Aggie. Deputy Tuomey does hereby release, forever discharge and covenant not to sue MCSO or the County and all past, present and future employees, elected and appointed officials, contractors, agents and representatives of MCSO and/or the County as a result of any actions of Canine Officer Aggie or arising out of or attributable to Canine Officer Aggie's physical and mental condition or training.
- 3. Deputy Tuomey does hereby indemnify and hold harmless MCSO and the County from any and all claims, demands, damages, causes of action, liabilities judgments, costs and expenses (including legal costs and attorneys' fees) arising from or related in any way to the ownership, possession, use, condition, actions or activities of Canine Officer Aggie, beginning effective March 20, 2024.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Garry L. McFadden

2/22/2024 Date

Sheriff of Mecklenburg County

DEPUTY DANIEL TUOMEY

Deputy Daniel Tuomey

<u>Z/21/2027</u> Date