



Opposition to New or Expanding Power Lines Across the Blue Ridge

Resolution 2024 – 2
Adopted four to two
June 13, 2024

RESOLVED: Whereas *Friends of Blue Ridge Mountains* has as its Mission "to PRESERVE, enhance, and celebrate the Blue Ridge Mountains as a valuable resource and treasured space for present and future generations" (emphasis added);

Moreover whereas, *Friends'* vision for our Blue Ridge's future is for it to remain as an "ancient and sacred space that is maintained as a model of natural and cultural preservation"; and Recognizing our duty to remain faithful to fulfilling our stated purpose to protect the Blue Ridge from all developments that are contrary to our Vision.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, *Friends of Blue Ridge Mountains* stands in opposition to all proposals for building new or expanding existing power transmission lines across the Blue Ridge, and in opposition to designating any power transmission corridor across the Blue Ridge as all such proposals would be and are diametrically contrary to Friends Vision for the Blue Ridge. Friends of Blue Ridge Mountains authorizes its staff and volunteers to seek the formation of liaison relationships with other organizations in the conduct of their activities that would implement the sense of this resolution.

Voting for the resolution:

- Sarah Huntington
- Carole Napolitano
- Rebekka Prinz
- Lowell Smith

Voting in opposition to the resolution:

- Norman Myers
- Peter Weeks

Resolution submitted to the *Friends of the Blue Ridge Mountains* Board of Directors for consideration by Lowell Smith.