

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 262

Short Title: Designate Official Waterfalls. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Henson.

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Referred to: State and Local Government, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 5, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT DESIGNATING THE CITY OF BREVARD, TOWN OF ROSMAN, AND
3 TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY AS NORTH CAROLINA'S OFFICIAL LAND OF
4 WATERFALLS.

5 Whereas, Transylvania County has 250 official waterfalls; and

6 Whereas, "Land of Waterfalls" has been used to describe the area since the early
7 1900s, including the City of Brevard's and Transylvania County's official seal and logo,
8 respectively; and

9 Whereas, this area has a long history as a tourist destination, with enjoyment of
10 waterfalls consistently listed on visitor surveys as a primary reason for visitation; and

11 Whereas, this area features numerous iconic and nationally known waterfalls like
12 Looking Glass Falls, Sliding Rock, Hooker Falls, High Falls, Triple Falls, Rainbow Falls, and
13 more; and

14 Whereas, Transylvania County's iconic waterfalls have been a part of dozens of
15 feature films, including Thunder Road, The Last of the Mohicans, and The Hunger Games, as
16 well as many national television shows like Lassie and The Oprah Winfrey Show; and

17 Whereas, Transylvania County is blessed with three incredible public lands—Pisgah
18 National Forest, Dupont State Recreational Forest, and Gorges State Park—all of which celebrate
19 their own unique waterfalls; and

20 Whereas, millions of visitors come to the area annually to visit the many waterfalls;
21 and

22 Whereas, this area is considered as a highly desirable place to live with the incredible
23 outdoor opportunities, including enjoyment of waterfalls, as a top reason; and

24 Whereas, the City of Brevard, the Town of Rosman, and Transylvania County should
25 be designated as North Carolina's official land of waterfalls; Now, therefore,
26 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

27 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 145 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
28 section to read:

29 "**§ 145-52. Official land of waterfalls.**

30 The City of Brevard, the Town of Rosman, and Transylvania County are designated as North
31 Carolina's official land of waterfalls."

32 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

