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Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 845 ON ANNEXATION REFORM

WHEREAS, residents of North Carolina who are annexed or proposed to be annexed by any municipality should have a voice concerning annexation and should have sufficient additional legal protection under North Carolina law; and

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced in the North Carolina General Assembly as House Bill 845 that would provide several important new protections of residents subject to annexation by municipalities, including:

- Increasing penalties for cities that fail to provide promised services to residents annexed against their will;
- Ensuring that the cost of major cost burden of extending water and sewer services to annexed areas is covered by the municipalities rather than the annexed residents;
- Providing a petition process for residents to protest a pending annexation, so that if 60 percent of the residents of the proposed annexed area object to the annexation the area could not be annexed for at least three years; and.
- Establishing new timelines for annexation so that more notice to residents in areas that are targeted for annexation by municipalities.

WHEREAS, this legislation offers a long-needed voice to property owners who do not want to be annexed or who find themselves not receiving required municipal services at a fair cost nor in a reasonable timeframe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners expresses strong support for North Carolina House Bill 845 and urges the North Carolina General Assembly to vote for this bill, thereby ensuring that residents at long last have a voice in critical decisions impacting where they live.

Adopted this 6th day of June, 2011.

Brian Bock, Chair

ATTEST:

Sandra B. Sublett, CMC, NCCCC, Clerk to the Board
Chatham County Board of Commissioners