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Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

**IN SUPPORT OF REQUIRING VOTER IDENTIFICATION
PRIOR TO VOTING IN LOCAL ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, it is self evident that election results are fundamentally fair and legitimate only to the extent that every genuine vote is counted, and without dilution by fraudulent votes; and

WHEREAS, it is equally true that protection of the voting process is a corollary to the uniquely American duty of ensuring access to the ballot box; and

WHEREAS, throughout our collective history the right to vote for all law abiding citizens has been established only through the greatest of sacrifices from American men and women of every race, creed, and belief, including the spilling of blood and loss of life and limb on both domestic and foreign soil; and

WHEREAS, these great struggles have given all of us the right to vote; but now it is time to reaffirm for all citizens the right of an honest voter not to have his or her legitimate vote cancelled out or diluted by an illegal vote; and

WHEREAS, the ultimate deciders of public policy- the people- in a majority of states require the presentation of identification at the polls, including North Carolina's immediate neighbors to the North, West, and South; and

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners is aware that many local races here and in other counties across this great State are often decided by a handful of votes and that it is paramount to do all that is reasonable to impart confidence to the honest voter that his or her vote does in fact count and makes a real difference in an election;

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners wants to ensure that we do not deny the right to vote to any citizen who is qualified to vote in this county;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners respectfully supports any state legislation which thoughtfully and prudently reasonably requires voter identification and which identification is readily accessible to all voters; and

BE IT LASTLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the local Legislative Delegation of the North Carolina General Assembly, and leadership of the Chatham County Republican, Democratic, and Libertarian parties for their consideration, and to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

Adopted this 7th day of May, 2012.


Brian Bock, Chair

ATTEST:

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