

**JOINT RESOLUTION ADOPTING NORTH CAROLINA GEODETIC SURVEY'S
PRELIMINARY RESURVEY OF THE COMMON BOUNDARY (CORNER) BETWEEN
WAKE COUNTY, HARNETT COUNTY AND CHATHAM COUNTY AND
COMMITMENT TO PURSUE JOINT ENABLING LEGISLATION TO MODIFY THE
WAKE COUNTY AND CHATHAM COUNTY BOUNDARY AS DESCRIBED IN A 1961
SURVEY**

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. § 153A-17 provides that the boundaries of each county shall remain as presently established, until changed in accordance with law; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. § 153A-18 also provides that if two or more counties are uncertain as to the exact boundary between them, they may cause the boundary to be surveyed, marked and mapped; and

WHEREAS, Wake County and Chatham County located the boundary line between them in 1961 in accordance with procedures which governed at the time set forth in N.C.G.S. § 153-11 and by dual action of their Board of Commissioners detailed in Deed Book 1476, Page 332-338, Wake County Registry and the E.C. Smith survey recorded in Book of Maps 1961, Page 68, Wake County Registry; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, confusion over the situs of specific parcels of land in Wake County and Harnett County has arisen; said confusion being heightened by the ever increasing residential and commercial development in proximity to this boundary line, which affects tax assessments, deed recordation, zoning and regulatory inspections, public safety, elections and school assignment in the respective counties; and

WHEREAS, through recent survey work completed by North Carolina Geodetic Survey in association with locating the boundary between Wake County and Harnett County, errors have been discovered in the 1961 Wake County and Chatham County survey which must be resolved with corrective legislation in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 153A-17; and

WHEREAS, the preliminary survey recently completed by North Carolina Geodetic Survey is attached hereto as *Exhibit A* which indicates the actual Wake/Chatham/Harnett corner is approximately 500.72 feet southwest of the corner established in the 1961 Wake County and Chatham County survey; and

WHEREAS, the Wake County and Chatham County boundary is an integral part of locating the Wake County and Harnett County boundary as all three counties share a common corner; and

WHEREAS, Harnett County did not ratify the 1961 Wake County and Chatham County survey and as such, has been using a corner reference that differs from that used by Wake County and Chatham County; and

WHEREAS, Wake County, Chatham County, and Harnett County staff have held joint meetings to develop a strategy for correcting the mutual corner boundary between the three counties and have determined that a boundary correction in the Wake County and Chatham County line is a pre-requisite to locating the Wake County and Harnett County boundary line; and

WHEREAS, the property owners that will be affected by the location of the common corner between Wake County, Chatham County, and Harnett County and resultant modification to the 1961 Wake County and Chatham County boundary line have been notified; and

WHEREAS, the Wake County Board of Commissioners, Chatham County Board of Commissioners and Harnett County Board of Commissioners, with the assistance of the North Carolina Geodetic Survey desire to establish the accurate location of the corner between the three counties and also correct the common boundary line between Wake County and Chatham County; and

WHEREAS, the Wake County Board of Commissioners, Chatham County Board of Commissioners and Harnett County Board of Commissioners hereby request that North Carolina Geodetic Survey prepare an official survey for adoption and ratification by the North Carolina General Assembly during the 2018 short session consistent with the purpose laid out in this Joint Resolution; and

WHEREAS, following the establishment of the mutual corner between the three counties and correction in the boundary line between Wake County and Chatham County, Harnett County and Chatham County will jointly authorize, by separate resolution, North Carolina Geodetic Survey to prepare an official survey for the purpose of locating the official boundary between them in accordance with § 153A-18; and

WHEREAS, following the establishment of the mutual corner between the three counties and correction in the boundary line between Wake County and Chatham County, Wake County and Harnett County will jointly authorize, by separate resolution, North Carolina Geodetic Survey to prepare an official survey for the purpose of locating the official boundary between them in accordance with § 153A-18.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE HARNETT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that the survey completed by the North Carolina Geodetic Survey attached hereto as *Exhibit A* is hereby adopted for the purpose of establishing the common boundary (corner) between Wake County, Chatham County and Harnett County and for correcting errors in the 1961 Wake County and Chatham County boundary survey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff is directed to pursue joint legislation from the North Carolina General Assembly for ratification of the common boundary (corner) between Wake County, Chatham County and Harnett County and modification of the 1961 boundary line between Wake County and Chatham County in accordance with N.C.G.S. Section 153A-17 with survey assistance from North Carolina Geodetic Survey.

That this JOINT RESOLUTION shall become effective upon its adoption.

WAKE COUNTY

Adopted this ____ day of April 2018.

Jessica N. Holmes, Chair
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: _____
Denise Hogan
Clerk to the Board

CHATHAM COUNTY

Adopted this ____ day of May 2018.

Diana Hales

Diana Hales, Chair
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Lindsay K. Ray

Lindsay Ray
Clerk to the Board



HARNETT COUNTY

Adopted this ____ day of April 2018.

_____, Chair
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: _____

Clerk to the Board

EXHIBIT A

