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## Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT FUTURE INTERSTATE UPGRADE FOR HIGHWAY 421

**WHEREAS**, Highway US 421 connects Interstate 95 with Interstates 40 and 85; and

**WHEREAS**, these interstates and their continued operations are critical to the state and nations economic wellbeing; and

**WHEREAS**, Fort Bragg is a critical part of the national defense and access at all times is critical to this mission; and

**WHEREAS**, two hurricane events in the last three years has closed portions of Interstate 95 limiting access to the Fayetteville and Fort Bragg; and

**WHEREAS**, access from the west of Fort Bragg on surface streets were the only viable routes to provide access to and from the Fort Bragg for several days during these storms; and

**WHEREAS**, the Research Triangle Park and the Capital Area growth continues to grow, adding thousands of vehicles to the current infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, connecting Interstate 95 to Interstates 40 and 85 with an interstate facility would provide an alternate route for military and freight traffic; and

**WHEREAS**, connecting Interstate 95 to Interstates 40 and 85 with an interstate facility would provide additional evacuation routes and relief and recovery routes to the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the population of the Triad region consisting of Greensboro, Winston Salem, Highpoint and Burlington is over 1,668,000 and the population of the Fayetteville metropolitan area is in excess of 375,000; and

**WHEREAS**, connecting Interstate 95 to Interstates 40 and 85 with an interstate facility would provide direct connections between two largely populated regions; and

**WHEREAS**, the upgrade to Interstate status to Highway 421 would increase safety, mobility, access for the military and economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, the upgrade to interstate status would provide high design evacuation route in the event of natural disasters as recently experience in Hurricane Florence; and

**WHEREAS**, a high design interstate would expedite logistics and staging to Fort Bragg in the event of a natural disaster and provide sustainability during emergency events; and

**WHEREAS**, provide an alternate connection to Interstate 40 to support freight and commuter traffic flow; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners that we support the efforts to designate US Highway 421 a future interstate corridor.

Adopted, this the 18 day of March, 2019.



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Mike Dasher, Chairman  
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



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Lindsay K. Ray, NCCCC, Clerk to the Board  
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

