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A RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE GOVERNOR PERDUE TO AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE AND USE OF CERTAIN CONSERVATION MONEY WHICH HAS BEEN EMBARGOED DUE TO THE STATE'S BUDGETARY SITUATION.

Whereas, there is approximately \$35,000,000 in appropriated but frozen funding for conservation projects in North Carolina;

Whereas, land conservation projects are a key component of the state's economic development and economic health because of the jobs they provide and the natural resources they protect; and

Whereas, a great number of property owners have indicated an interest in participating in conservation programs but cannot do so because of a lack of funds to close negotiated deals; and

Whereas, conservation protects drinking water quality thereby reducing the cost of treating water and protecting downstream cities, towns and villages as well as providing parks and trails for families to enjoy; and

Whereas, the Clean Water Management Trust Fund is one of the most important sources of funding for these projects which do so much to protect and preserve our beautiful natural places; and

Whereas, approximately \$35,000,000 of CWMTF funds have been frozen by the Governor in order to help alleviate budget shortfalls faced by the state during the recent economic downturn; and

Whereas, release of these funds will create jobs and protect our natural resources and may actually serve to increase the health of the economy by creating new employment and putting money into the hands of the landowners who wish to participate in conservation on a permanent basis;

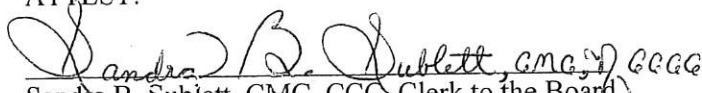
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF CHATHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT:

1. Governor Perdue is requested to release as much of the frozen conservation money as she can responsibly do in order to at least foster the completion of already committed acquisitions that cannot be closed due the lack of funding and that the remainder of the funds be released as soon thereafter as possible.
2. A copy of this resolution be supplied to the Governor.

Adopted and approved this the 15th day of February, 2010.


Sally Kost, Chair

ATTEST:


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