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Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

**In Support of Establishing an Agrarian Growth Zone
In Siler City, North Carolina**

WHEREAS, the Town of Siler City has suffered tremendous economic distress in the last five years, due to a pattern of global restructuring and the resulting loss of over 1,500 jobs; and

WHEREAS, poverty has become increasingly concentrated around the formerly active downtown and industrial districts of the town; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2000 Census, 21.9% of the combined populations of Block Groups 1 and 6 of Census Tract 204 were living in poverty in 1999; and,

WHEREAS, these two contiguous block groups meet the eligibility requirements for becoming a State Agrarian Growth Zone under HB 1973; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Siler City, the Chatham County Economic Development Corporation, and several community organizations have agreed to work together toward economic revitalization in the town by partnering for the North Carolina Small Towns Economic Prosperity Program, joint marketing efforts, and by establishing an economic development office in Siler City; and

WHEREAS, securing State Agrarian Growth Zone status would provide a much needed economic boon to this economically distressed area in the form of economic incentives and priority consideration for grant funding to stimulate new investment and job creation.


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners request that the North Carolina Department of Commerce grant Block Groups 1 and 6 of Census Tract 204 in Chatham County status as a State Agrarian Growth Zone.

Adopted this 2nd day of August, 2010.

ATTEST:



 Sally Kost, Chair
 Chatham County Board of Commissioners



 Sandra B. Sublett, CMC, NCCCC,
 Clerk to the Board