

## CHATHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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## Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

## IN SUPPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA'S CURRENT PUBLIC ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Chapter 18B of the North Carolina General Statutes addresses the regulation of alcoholic beverages in our state; and

WHEREAS, current North Carolina law establishes a uniform system of control over the sale, purchase, transportation, manufacture, consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, local government control is central to the current alcoholic beverage control system; it is a local decision to establish and operate ABC stores, and local government, acting through an appointed local ABC Board, balances the control, profits and availability of spirits in its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, when local voters approved liquor sales for off-premises consumption, the voters did not vote to allow liquor to be sold in private retail establishments, but only through publicly controlled local ABC stores; and

WHEREAS, current law provides that profits from ABC store sales are returned to local government, and this revenue stream is a critical source of local government funding; and

WHEREAS, it is a priority to maintain current sources of revenue, especially in the current challenging economic times; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners does hereby support the continuance of the Alcoholic Beverage Control System, and opposes any efforts to privatize the ABC system, diminish local control or to diminish the local government revenue stream afforded from local ABC store profits.

Adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2010.

ATTEST:

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

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