

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED JORDAN RESERVOIR WATER SUPPLY NUTRIENT STRATEGY RULES 15A NCAC 02B .0262-.0273 & .0311**

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 3 has been introduced for consideration by the General Assembly; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed legislation would disapprove Jordan Lake Management rules as promulgated and approved by the Environmental Management Commission and the Rules Review Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jordan Lake Reservoir lies almost entirely within the boundaries of Chatham County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jordan Lake Reservoir is a popular recreation destination for over 1 million visitors each year including residents of Chatham; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jordan Lake Reservoir is a major drinking water source for Chatham County as well as for Cary and other cities and towns; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina first directed local governments to reduce nitrogen in waters that flow to the Jordan Lake Reservoir in 1997 under the Clean Water Responsibility Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jordan Lake Reservoir is on the EPA 303(d) list of impaired waters due to excessive nutrients from point and non-point sources, and has been since 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jordan Lake Reservoir Nutrient Strategy rules were developed by the NC Division of Water Quality through a lengthy stakeholder process and were adopted by the NC Environmental Management Commission (EMC) on May 8, 2008 and approved by the Rules Review Commission on November 11, 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jordan Lake Reservoir Nutrient Strategy rules are based on sound scientific monitoring and modeling to apportion decreases in the nutrient load from all point and non-point sources in the Jordan Lake watershed in order to improve water quality; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jordan Lake Reservoir cannot meet water quality standards unless nutrient loads from all current and future sources are reduced, including those from wastewater, and from stormwater from existing and new development; and

**WHEREAS**, the threat to the water quality in the Jordan Lake Reservoir and the drinking water supply of Chatham County and other drinking water uses, as well as recreations users will continue until all sections of the rules are approved by the NC General Assembly;

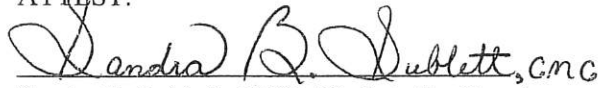
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** that members of the North Carolina General Assembly are hereby requested to approve the Jordan lake Reservoir Nutrient Strategy rules in their entirety in order to protect the public health and welfare of the citizens of Chatham County and other residents of North Carolina.

Adopted, this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009.



George Lucier, Chairman

ATTEST:



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