

RES 1092

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM
COUNTY OPPOSING SENATE BILL 117**

Whereas, local governments must have effective tools to manage the growth coming to North Carolina; and

Whereas, those tools include land use, zoning, sedimentation and erosion control, stream buffering and other important growth management and environmental protection controls; and

Whereas, successful utilization of these tools should be left to the judgment of the local governments who do the work; and

Whereas, the successful use of these tools also requires that local governments, with justification, be able to apply appropriate moratoria; and

Whereas, rules for putting moratoria into place already exist and include the need for a clear justification, clear objectives, and a specific time limit; and

Whereas, after judging existing ordinances to be inadequate for the growth Chatham County was experiencing, in June 2006, Chatham County put in place a moratorium, which was subsequently lifted in December 2008; and

Whereas, during the moratorium, the Board of Commissioners successfully updated existing ordinances and adopted new ordinances to manage growth more effectively; and

Whereas, Senate Bill 117 would significantly reduce local governments' ability to utilize moratoria as an effective option for managing growth; and

Whereas, without the ability to enact a moratorium a local governments would have no option but to consider developments using outdated regulations; and

Whereas, Chatham County believes the existing governing rules for local governments work well for local governments and citizens they serve.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners opposes the ratification of Senate Bill 117 as an unnecessary impediment for North Carolina local governments, and,

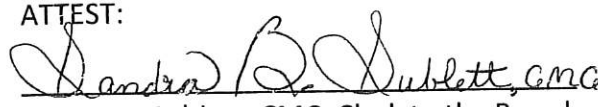
Be it further resolved that the Board of Commissioners forward this resolution and cover letter to Speaker Joe Hackney and Senator Bob Atwater.

Adopted this 16th day of March, 2009.



George Lucier, Chair

ATTEST:



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