Res. #2008-64B

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY REQUESTING THE NORTH CAROLINA RULES REVIEW COMMISSION TO APPROVE ALL SECTIONS OF THE JORDAN LAKE RESERVOIR NUTRIENT RULES, INCLUDING THOSE PERTAINING TO EXISTING AND NEW DEVELOPMENT

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 1million 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

WHEREAS, the Jordan Lake Reservoir Nutrient Strategy Rules were developed by the NC Division of Water Quality through a lengthy stakeholder process, and adopted by the NC Environmental Management Commission (EMC) on May 8, 2008, with further revisions adopted unanimously by the EMC on September 11, 2008 to address objections from the NC Rules Review Commission; 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 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 users, as well as recreations users will continue until all sections of the rules are approved by appropriate bodies, including the NC Rules Review Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISISONERS that the North Carolina Rules Review Commission is herby requested to approve Section 15A NCAC 02B .0265 - Stormwater Management for New Development and Section 15A NCAC 02B .0266— Stormwater Management for Existing Development in order to protect the public health and welfare of the citizens of Chatham County and other residents of North Carolina.

Adopted, this the 3rd day of November, 2008.

George Lucier, Chairman

ATTEST:

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