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Resolution in Support of the State Energy Office

WHEREAS, the State Energy Office and its Director Larry Shirley have led and coordinated the state's efforts to advance energy efficiency, renewable energy, and use of alternative fuels with very commendable effectiveness, and

WHEREAS, these efforts in the fiscal year 2005-2006 have resulted in the savings of over \$91 million at a cost of less that \$6 million, and

WHEREAS, due to the global warming crisis, the world community, as well as our state and county must aggressively expand the kinds of initiatives in which the State Energy Office has been a leader, and

WHEREAS, Chatham County is rapidly advancing in the production if biofuels, green building, energy efficient ransportation, and job training for the green jobs of the future and looks forward to a expanding collaborative lationship with the State Energy Office, and

WHEREAS, it is critical for the state of North Carolina to be a leader in energy conservation and alternative fuels; and

WHEREAS, alarmingly, the State Senate has passed a version of the state budget which puts an end to the State Energy Office.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners expresses its full support for the continuation and full funding of the State Energy Office and calls on its State Representative, Speaker Joe Hackney, and its State Senator, Bob Atwater, to do all they can to save the State Energy Office in the deliberations of the budget conference committee.

Carl Thompson, Chairman

ATTEST:

Tom Vanderbeck, Commissioner

George Lucier, Vice Chairman

Patrick Barnes, Commissioner

Mike Cross, Commissioner

Sandra B. Subjett, CMC, Clerk to the Board

Chatham County Board of Commissioners

Adopted this, the 6th day of June, 2007.