Resolution in Support of "LAND FOR TOMORROW"

Whereas, Chatham County is committed to protecting lands critical to the future of North Carolina's drinking water, economy, and quality of life; and

Whereas, North Carolina is losing more than 100,000 acres of those special places to population pressures each year; and

Whereas, North Carolina's population is expected to grow by 50 percent in the next 25 years; and

Whereas, the important tourism industry can only survive with natural beauty, clean water and scenic vistas; and

Whereas, there is inadequate funding for protecting stream banks and floodplains, legacy forests, prime farmlands, local parks and recreation, state parks, greenway and inactive rail corridors, game lands, natural, scenic and historic places; and

Whereas, there is no second chance to protect North Carolina's great resources and costs will only increase in the future; and

Whereas, additional state funding will leverage twice as much funding from federal, private and local sources.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that Chatham County urges the 2006 General Assembly to enact legislation authorizing a November 2006 general obligation bond referendum to increase conservation spending in North Carolina by \$200 million per year for five years.

Adopted this, the 5th day of June, 2006.

COUNTY OF CHATHAM

Bunkey Morgan, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandra B. Sublett, CMC, Clerk To The Board Chatham County Board of Commissioners