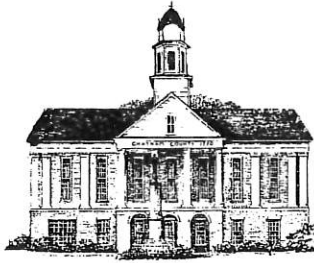


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Resolution Reaffirming the County's Support Of The Tobacco Allotment Buyout Program

WHEREAS, tobacco production has played a vital role in the economy of North Carolina throughout the history of the State; and

WHEREAS, tobacco producers and their families have been important contributors to the family-oriented society which makes our State so desirable; and

WHEREAS, the tobacco industry is now under assault on many fronts, and, as a result, the continued production of tobacco in this region is seriously endangered; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of tobacco production in this State will cause significant harm to the culture, heritage, and economic stability of a region that cherishes its way of life; and

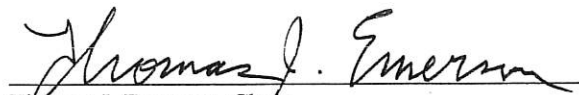
WHEREAS, on October 6, 2003, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners approved a resolution supporting a federal tobacco allotment buyout program; and

WHEREAS, a proposed federal tobacco quota buyout with \$8 for the quota owner and \$4 for the grower would benefit the economic condition of the State of North Carolina and each of its 100 counties, including Chatham;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Chatham, North Carolina that we hereby reaffirm our unqualified support for the federal tobacco quota buyout program, which would fairly compensate tobacco farmers and quota owners;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we support the efforts of North Carolina Agriculture Commissioner Britt Cobb to obtain approval of federal legislation for this program.

Adopted this, the 1st day of March, 2004.


Thomas J. Emerson, Chair

ATTEST


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