Resolution Supporting North Chatham Volunteer Fire Department's Request to Lower the Speed Limit on S.R. 1527

WHEREAS, responders from North Chatham Volunteer Fire Department which is located on S.R. 1527, have experienced increasing difficulty in entering traffic to respond to emergency calls and because of recent construction and realignment of the road will become more difficult in the future; and

WHEREAS, the speed limit on this road is 55 miles per hour, which contributes to the problem and poses a safety concern for motorist and emergency responders; and

WHEREAS, the North Chatham Volunteer Fire Department has requested that the North Carolina Department of Transportation lower the speed limit on S.R. 1527 from 55 miles to 35 miles per hour from the intersection of Hwy. 15-501 North / Morris Road to the Kentview / Donald Drive intersection and to 45 miles per hour to S.R.1526; and

WHEREAS, the North Chatham Volunteer Fire Department has also requested North Carolina Department of Transportation to install appropriate signage / signal device to advise motorists of the location of the fire department, once road construction is complete;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Chatham, North Carolina that we do hereby extend our support to North Chatham Volunteer Fire Department and request that the North Carolina Department of Transportation approve the lower speed limit and signage / signal device.

Adopted this 5th day of April 2004

Thomas J. Emerson, Chair

Sandra B. Sublett, Clerk to the Board

Chatham County Board of Commissioners



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Mr. Thomas J. Emerson, Chairman Chatham County Board of Commissioners P. O. Box 87 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312

Dear Mr. Emerson:

The North Chatham Volunteer Fire Department hereby requests support from the Chatham County Board of Commissioners for lowering the speed limit on S.R. 1527 to 35 / 45 miles per hour.

We are requesting that the Board of Commissioners consider the enclosed resolution requesting that the North Carolina Department of Transportation lower the speed limit and install signage / signaling devices on this road.

The construction and realignment of the road in front of the fire station on S.R. 1527 presents a number of safety issues for fire apparatus and motorists. A lower speed limit and signage / signaling device would help address these problems.

We very much appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely.

Scott Beasley, President

North Chatham Volunteer Fire Department

Board of Directors