A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

WHEREAS, the people of Chatham County voted to permit the sale of spirituous liquor through the establishment of the Chatham County ABC Board, which is a part of the State's control system for the sale of spirituous liquors; and

WHEREAS, the Chatham County ABC Board makes spirituous liquor available to consumers through local ABC stores while curtailing the intemperate use of alcohol through control over the distribution, sale and advertisement of spirits; and

WHEREAS, the State's ABC system is self sufficient in that consumers of spirits pay for the costs of operating the State ABC Commission and for the distribution and sale of spirits; and

WHEREAS, the Chatham County ABC Board generates substantial revenue for the general fund(s) for Chatham County and contributes substantial funds for alcohol education and rehabilitation, and alcohol law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1009 (ABC Study Commission) has been introduced in the 2003 Session of the General Assembly to require the study of, among other things, "whether the current method of regulating the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages, and specifically the sale and distribution of fortified wine and spirituous liquor, in North Carolina is the most effective and efficient as compared to different systems in other states."

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Chatham County supports the present control system for the sale and distribution of spirituous liquor and desires to retain the Chatham County ABC Board.

Adopted this the 26th day of May, 2003.

Thomas J. Engerson, Chairman

Attest:

Sandra B. Sublett, CMC Clerk to the Board

Chatham County Board of Commissioners