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RESOLUTION REQUESTING LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT TO UPDATE ANNEXATION LAWS IN NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, currently, under North Carolina law, municipalities may annex areas deemed appropriate without any input from the residents of the areas proposed for annexation; and

WHEREAS, annexation often has a tremendous impact on the residents in newly annexed areas; and

WHEREAS, the practice of involuntary annexation violates and limits the basic freedoms upon which this country was founded and is diametrically opposed to the premise of participatory government for all citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests that the local Legislative Delegates to the North Carolina General Assembly work with the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners and the North Carolina League of Municipalities in crafting legislation to:

- Update North Carolina's annexation law to reflect the changing nature of county and municipal responsibilities
- Ensure equitable arrangements between counties and cities as well as fair treatment for citizens affected by urban growth
- Require enforcement of statues regarding delivery of municipal services to newly annexed areas
- Direct the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners to forward this
 resolution to the local Legislative Delegation to the North Carolina
 Association of County Commissioners and to the other 99 counties in North
 Carolina

Adopted this, the 3rd day of August, 1998.

Margaret Bryant Pollard, Chair

ATTEST:

Sandra B. Lee, Clerk to the Board

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