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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF WARREN COUNTY PCB LANDFILL DETOXIFICATION

WHEREAS, both Chatham and Warren Counties were selected by the State of North Carolina to take a hazardous or radioactive burden for the rest of the state without local approval; and

WHEREAS, citizens of both counties have been promised that safety of nearby residents is paramount in the regulatory and administrative actions of the state; and

WHEREAS, both local governments have been promised that the siting would add no significant financial burden to local government; and

WHEREAS, Chatham County has had to expend over one million dollars to monitor the siting process and has been reimbursed for less than half of that; and

WHEREAS, Chatham County has concerns about the long run ability of the state to protect the safety of citizens from the proposed radioactive waste site should it leak radioactively contaminated water; and

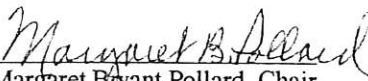
WHEREAS, the Warren County PCB landfill can be seen as an object lesson in state oversight and financial responsibility for a hazardous or radioactive landfill in the event of serious problems and potential leakage; and

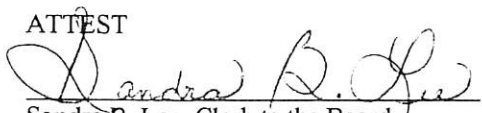
WHEREAS, the Warren County landfill is failing and requires extensive treatment for a water-filled liner; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Citizen/State PCB Working Group has agreed on a proposed clean up plan.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County urges all branches of the State of North Carolina to take heed of local concerns and the Joint Citizen/State PCB Working Group and swiftly make available the funds to carry out a solution that will detoxify the site.

Adopted this, the 17th day of August, 1998.


Margaret Bryant Pollard, Chair

ATTEST

Sandra B. Lee, Clerk to the Board
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