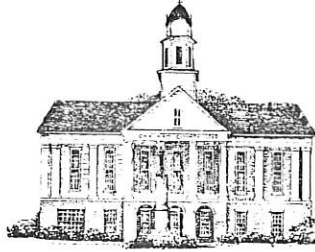


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## RESOLUTION TO ASSIST LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN REDUCING COSTS OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

**WHEREAS**, local governments throughout the State of North Carolina and the nation are under ever-increasing financial pressures resulting from unfavorable economic factors and limited sources of revenue at a time when former federal and state responsibilities are being defunded, underfunded, or passed down to the local level through mandates; and,

**WHEREAS**, in response to such financial pressures it is necessary for local governments to safeguard their sources of revenue and to reduce the cost of their operations wherever possible; and,

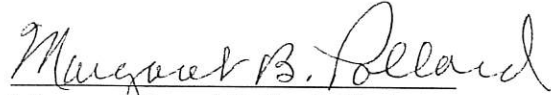
**WHEREAS**, there are numerous areas where the North Carolina General Assembly can assist Counties in meeting their service responsibilities to their citizens and in more rationally coping with diminishing revenues and expanding costs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners seeks Legislative, Association of Counties, and other Counties support to address the following issue: Assist Local Government in Reducing their Cost of Providing Emergency Medical Services--Institute action to ensure that Insurance Company's providing accident and health policies within the State of North Carolina recognize legitimate providers of Pre-Hospital Care "Ambulance Services", as such, and issue provider numbers, or other internal controls deemed necessary to enable their firms premiums for eligible services be paid to the provider directly as opposed to the insured. This change would represent no additional cost to the insurance industry, yet, would represent a substantial increase in receipts to ambulance providers and alleviate cumbersome efforts necessary to collect from insured ambulance clients.

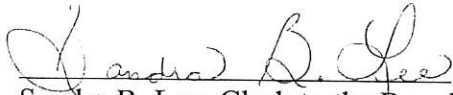
This change would also facilitate a greater share of EMS cost being paid through user fees therefore reducing the percentage of subsidy provided through Ad Valorem taxes.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each member of Chatham County's Legislative Delegation, to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, and to County Board of Commissioners in North Carolina.

Adopted this, the 17th day of February, 1997.

  
Margaret Bryant Pollard, Chair

**ATTEST**

  
Sandra B. Lee, Clerk to the Board  
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