

COUNTY OF CHATHAM

Res. # 96-17

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RESOLUTION OPPOSING UNFUNDED MANDATES

WHEREAS, Chatham County is a political subdivision of North Carolina which is dedicated to the principles of accountability and good government; and

WHEREAS, The increase in unfunded mandates has placed a severe financial burden on Chatham County and its taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, Since fiscal year 1991-92, Chatham County has experienced an increase of 52% in the local share of Public Assistance funding. Further, in the 1996-97 budget year, Chatham County faces a 9% increase in the County's share for Public Assistance. Therefore, the County's share for Public Assistance equates to a total of \$1,637,962 or 7.2 cents on Chatham County's Ad Valorem tax rate; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is one of only seven states which requires counties to match public assistance costs. These primary rates are 5.56% of Medicaid cost as well as a 17.97% AFDC match. This burden is placed on local taxpayers and is especially severe in areas where a large percentage of the population is poor and elderly.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners hereby implores the State of North Carolina to assume responsibility and financial liability for all social programs. The excessive fiscal burden placed on Chatham County by unfunded mandated programs undermines the County's ability to provide basic services to the citizens and to fund infrastructure, capital needs, and public schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution, shall be transmitted to the Governor of North Carolina, to the Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina, to President Pro Tempore of the North Carolina Senate, to the Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives, to members of the Chatham County Legislative Delegation, to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, and to the 99 other counties in North Carolina.

Adopted this, the 3rd day of June, 1996.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Uva R. Holland".

Uva R. Holland, Chairman

ATTEST

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra B. Lee".

Sandra B. Lee, Clerk to the Board
Chatham County Board of Commissioners