

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR THE SERVICE OF MELANIE O'CONNELL UNDERWOOD

WHEREAS, on November 13, 1987, Melanie O'Connell Underwood was hired as Chatham County's second Economic Development Director; and

WHEREAS, because of her leadership and management skill, the County has developed a strong industrial recruitment function, which during her tenure has resulted in more than 50 industry locations and expansions, an additional \$113 million in the County's tax base, and numerous jobs for the County's citizens, including more than 345 new jobs in 1994 alone; and

WHEREAS, during her service Ms. Underwood has continued to hone her skills and credentials and is one of only 22 people in the state to achieve the distinction of becoming a nationally certified economic developer; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Underwood has worked well with other communities and has developed a strong network of cooperation and a reputation for professionalism throughout the state by her participation in region-wide and state-wide organizations, including the Triangle J Regional Telephone Task Force, the Research Triangle Regional Partnership, the North Carolina Central Region Economic Developers Association, the Mid-Carolina Private Industry Council, and the Strategic Issues Committee of the N.C. Economic Developers Committee; and

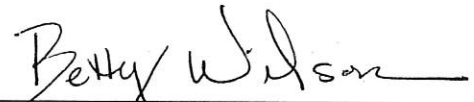
WHEREAS, Melanie has also worked to enhance Chatham County government by serving on internal committees, such as the Personnel Committee, and by willingly providing information and assistance to other departments; and

WHEREAS, Melanie has also shown her concern for the well-being of the citizens of Chatham County by working to obtain extended area telephone service and serving as a volunteer on numerous boards and committees, including the Pittsboro Jaycees and the Central Carolina Community College Advisory Board and Small Business Advisory Board;

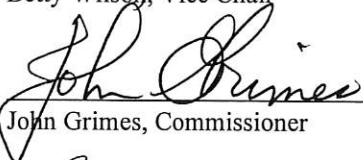
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Chatham, North Carolina, that we hereby extend our appreciation to Melanie O'Connell Underwood for her seven years of service to Chatham County and that we do wish her well as she assumes the position of Executive Vice President and Economic Developer for the Mooresville-South Iredell Chamber of Commerce.

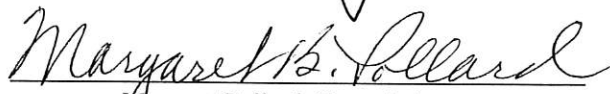
Adopted this, the 13th day of February, 1995.


Uva Holland, Chair


Betty Wilson, Vice Chair


Henry Dunlap, Commissioner


John Grimes, Commissioner


Margaret Pollard, Commissioner