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**ORGANIZED 1770** 

707 SQUARE MILES

## RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE CAPE FEAR RIVER PROGRAM

The Chatham County Board of Commissioners endorses the request of the Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority for the sponsor of a Bill through the General Assembly in the amount of \$200,000 for a special appropriation to fund the Cape Fear River Program through the Center for Marine Science Research at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

WHEREAS, current proposed standards affecting point source dischargers, primarily large manufacturing facilities, are based on previous data which is inconclusive and not complete; and

WHEREAS, the project description allows for the placement of fifteen (15) sampling stations throughout the Lower Cape Fear River for uniform collection of data; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Division of Environmental Management is pursuing the development of a consistent plan for basin wide water quality testing and monitoring in the Cape Fear River Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners is promoting the establishment of a consistent testing and monitoring plan for the Cape Fear River; and

WHEREAS, more realistic and logical future effluent limitations for users of the river can best be determined and imposed from uniform, accurate data; and

WHEREAS, limitations and constraints will have a widespread economic impact throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, the study will be conducted under the guidance of the Center for Marine Science Research at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and overseen by an advisory board representing industry, environmentalists, academia, civic organizations, local, state and federal agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, project data will be used to form the first comprehensive model for basin wide management to protect a vital natural resource.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT**, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests the support of our legislators in the region to cooperatively sponsor a Bill at the request of the Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority for the funding of the Cape Fear River Program through the Center for Marine Science Research at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington; and

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT**, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners encourages all parties involved in the Cape Fear River Program to coordinate with the North Carolina Division of Environmental Management in order to a facilitate a water quality testing and monitoring plan that could replace individual discharger testing and monitoring efforts.

Adopted this the 19th day of June, 1995.

Uva R. Holland, Chairman

Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Sandra B. Lee, Clerk to the Board

Chatham County