

**RESOLUTION TO REVIEW AND APPROVE OR VETO  
ANY FORCED ANNEXATIONS WITHIN LENOIR COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the Lenoir County Board of Commissioners (“Lenoir County Commissioners”) represents and is voted into office by county residents;

**WHEREAS**, the Lenoir County Commissioners recognize that forced annexations are allowed in North Carolina according to G.S. 160A;

**WHEREAS**, the Lenoir County Commissioners also recognize that the residents and property owners within the territory to be forcibly annexed do not currently have the right to vote on forced annexations. Furthermore, since they do not live within the municipality, they cannot vote on the those elected leaders;

**WHEREAS**, the Lenoir County Commissioners believe it to be in the best interests of county residents that each time a municipality wishes to forcibly annex county residents that the Lenoir County Commissioners be given a copy of the resolution of intent and shall hold a public hearing for the municipality to make an explanation of the report required in G.S. 160A-47 and to hear all residents or property owners in the territory described;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** in a meeting duly assembled and noticed, that the Lenoir County Commissioners believe it to be in the best interests of Lenoir County residents that the State of North Carolina give Lenoir County the right to review and approve or veto any forced annexations within the county boundaries.

This the 4th day of May, 2009.

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GEORGE W. GRAHAM, JR., CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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Lashanda Aytch, Clerk to the Board