

NEW HANOVER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION AGAINST INVOLUNTARY ANNEXATION

WHEREAS, all residents subject to annexation should be afforded full disclosure regarding cost and benefits, and given an opportunity to be heard by the annexing city; and

WHEREAS, annexation should embody the will of the people subject to the annexation, as expressed by their vote in a referendum, such that there is no taxation without representation; and

WHEREAS, annexation should only be considered for those areas where municipal services and infrastructure are lacking and are needed and desired and requested by the residents through voluntary annexation; and

WHEREAS, annexation should be comprehensively evaluated, given the adverse impact on public school funding with a reduced county sales tax distribution such that, less money is available for employment of teachers and classroom construction and maintenance thereby negatively affecting our public school students; and

WHEREAS, annexation reduces sales tax distribution for the beach towns; and

WHEREAS, annexation creates a demand for additional duplicate services that are not and cannot be supported by taxes generated in the annexed area after the first three years.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of New Hanover County resolves to oppose involuntary annexation at both the state and local level.

ADOPTED this the 17th day of August, 2009.

New Hanover County

Ted Davis, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

Sheila L. Schult, Clerk to the Board