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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF UNION

RESOLUTION OPPOSING CURRENT STATE LAWS ALLOWING FORCED ANNEXATION

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Statutes allow municipalities to annex properties meeting statutory standards without involvement of the affected property owners nor the affected County through a process commonly referred to as "forced annexation;" and

WHEREAS, when forced annexation occurs, municipalities are often required to extend public utilities like sewer systems which allows higher population densities within these annexation areas; and

WHEREAS, even after annexation occurs the County is still required by state laws to provide specific services to residents within the annexation areas including school facilities, emergency medical services, public health services and various social related services just to name a few; and

WHEREAS, although the County is still required to provide these services (which constitute a substantial amount of the County's operating and capital budgets), the County loses a significant amount of revenue due to the shifting of sales tax dollars tied to the areas annexed; and

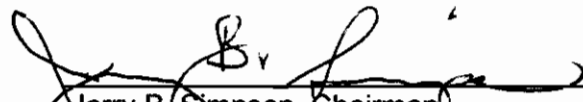
WHEREAS, residents under consideration for forced annexation are not allowed to vote on this issue nor do they have representation on the governing body making the final decision; and

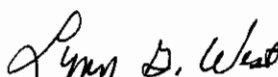
WHEREAS, residents affected by forced annexation have no appeal process short of pursuing legal action through the courts system.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union County Board of Commissioners expresses strong opposition to the current state laws allowing forced annexation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Union County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests the North Carolina General Assembly to repeal the forced annexation laws contained in Article 4A of Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes.

This the 18th day of January, 2011.


Jerry B. Simpson, Chairman
Union County Board of Commissioners


Lynn G. West, Clerk to the Board
Union County Board of Commissioners