

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NCACC
PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVE TO PROMOTE FOOD RESILIENCY

WHEREAS, access to food is a basic human need and is vital to the well-being of a community; and

WHEREAS, all 100 North Carolina counties are committed to ensuring the needs of their citizens are met; and

WHEREAS, food security, defined as reliable access to quality, affordable food, is vital to a thriving community and food insecurity threatens the fabric of a healthy society; and

WHEREAS, according to Feeding America's annual Map the Meal Gap study, conducted to improve our understanding of food insecurity and food costs at the local level, the average food insecurity rate across North Carolina is 14 percent, and Feeding America projects that the state-wide rate will rise to 19.3 percent due to the current COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the state-wide food insecurity rate for children is projected to rise from 19.3 percent to 28.6 percent due to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Halifax County has a food insecurity rate of 32 percent; and

WHEREAS, the current pandemic is further exacerbating the issue of food insecurity, with families facing difficult decisions about how to make ends meet, including whether they can afford the food they need; and

WHEREAS, according to state officials, agriculture and agribusiness account for 17 percent of all jobs in the state and an annual economic impact of \$91.8 billion, making it a vital aspect of the economy in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, county commissioners have a responsibility to ensure the basic needs of our citizens are met; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC), under the direction of President Ronnie Smith, will be leading a task force to address food system resiliency to help counties take actions to ensure the resources we have are getting to the people in need; and

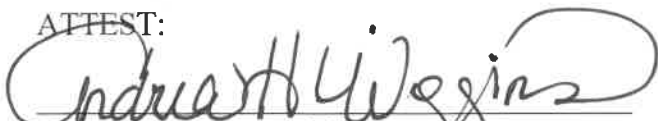
WHEREAS, this NCACC task force will be meeting to examine the various issues that go into creating and sustaining a resilient food system for our residents; and

WHEREAS, by supporting our farmers, supply chains, agribusiness, food industry and hungry families, we can build resilient communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Halifax County Board of County Commissioners will support the work of the NCACC task force, will commit to examining the food system in Halifax County and take steps to help strengthen the food system with the goal of sustaining a thriving community.

 1/20/2021
Marcelle O. Smith, Temporary Chairman
Halifax County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


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