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## RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT TO END ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TIER SYSTEM IN NORTH CAROLINA

**WHEREAS**, many in Carteret County have actively advocated for many years that the Economic Development Tier System in North Carolina should be changed because it is fundamentally flawed and penalizes Carteret County, which is a resort area with high property values; and

**WHEREAS**, a report prepared by the General Assembly Program Evaluation Division and presented December 14, 2015 to the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee recommends the state's Economic Development Tier System be discontinued because it is ineffective in assisting communities that are truly economically distressed; and

**WHEREAS**, the report revealed that of the 15 state programs that have been using the tier system to distribute state resources, six are economic development-related programs, but nine are non-economic development programs, and

**WHEREAS**, the report recommends that the General Assembly eliminate the use of the tier system for all non-economic development programs by July 1, 2017, and end the use of the tier system for all economic development programs by July 1, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the report further recommends the General Assembly establish a commission to reexamine the state's strategy for identifying and assisting chronically distressed communities, noting that it has been 30 years since the General Assembly did a comprehensive study to assess ways to assist communities with chronic economic distress;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners strongly supports the passage of legislation in the 2016 General Assembly short session to permanently discontinue the Economic Development Tier System in North Carolina at the earliest possible date; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners also urges the General Assembly to establish the commission to reexamine ways for the state to truly offer direct assistance to the state's most economically distressed communities.

Adopted this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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Eddie Barber, Mayor

ATTEST:

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